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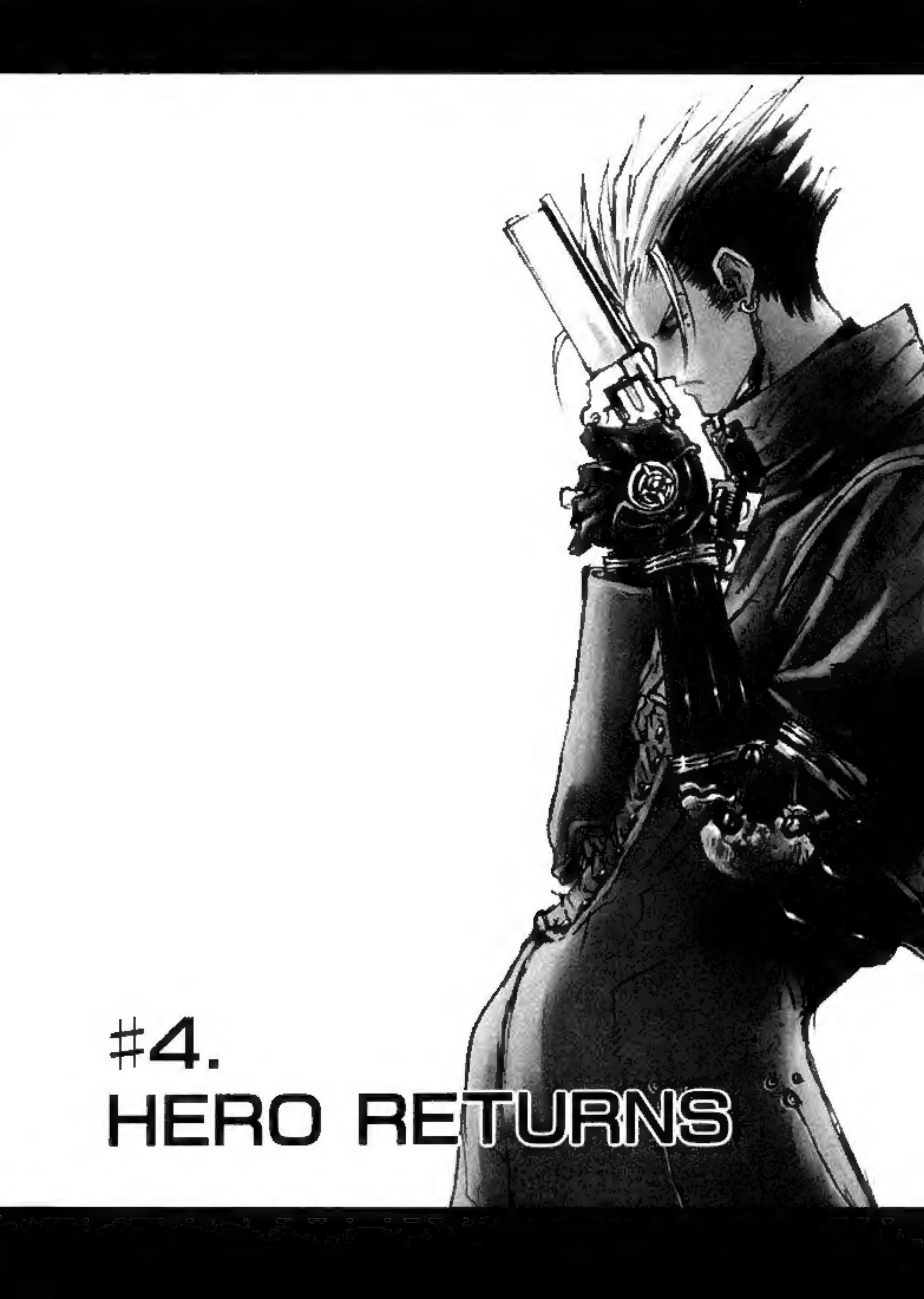
TRIGUN MAXIMUM

YASUHIRO NIGHTOW

DEEP SPACE PLANET FUTURE GUN ACTION!!



#4.
HERO RETURNS

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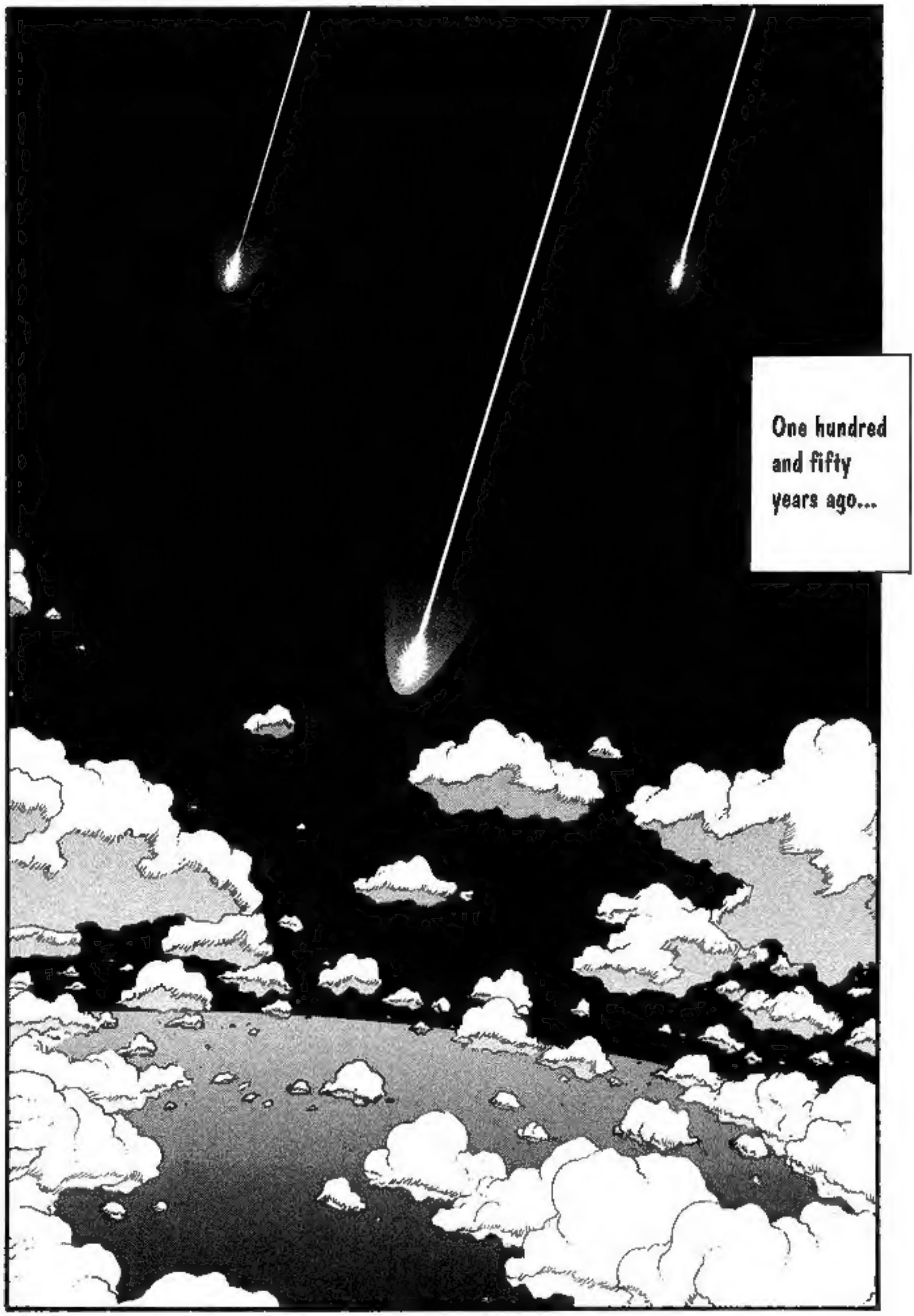

Dozens of burning arrows fell toward the surface of this planet...
They were...
Interstellar Colony Ships...

CAN YOU STAND UP?

VASH? CAN YOU?

WAH!

SWIPE!

AH!

WH-WHA!

ALL OF THEM !!

YOU KILLED THEM ALL!

REM AND...

THIS IS ALL...

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!

WHAT IS IT WITH YOU?

WE TWO ARE THE ONLY "SIBLINGS" LEFT NOW...

...

KNIVES ...
Y- YOU ...
NOT ...
NOT HUMAN !!
EXCEPT FOR WHEN REM SOMEHOW MANAGED TO SAVE A BUNCH OF PEOPLE, THAT IS!
AHH!
WHY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
IT WAS JUST GREAT!
DON'T EVER COMPARE ME TO THOSE CATTLE!
NEVER DO THAT AGAIN!
DUH! LIKE HELL I'M HUMAN!

REM...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
JUST YOU WAIT, TRASH ...
I'LL GET RID OF YOU ALL!
ON THIS WORLD, ONLY THE TWO OF US WILL REMAIN TO THE END!
REM...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
UUNH ...

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REM...!

REM...

IN YOUR MEMORY ...

I WILL PROTECT THE ONES...

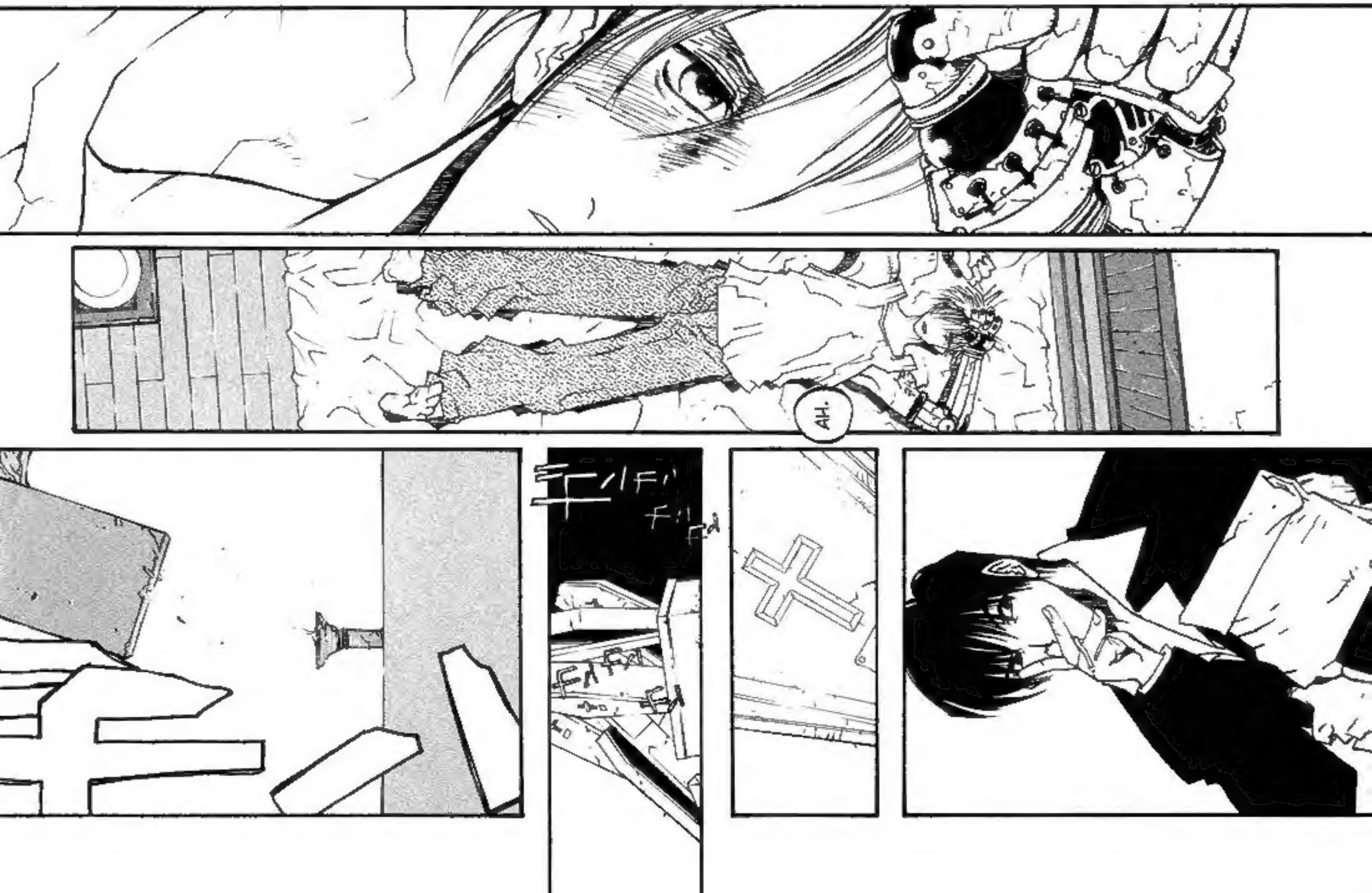
THAT YOU SACRIFICED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE ...

For the stars, it's not that long...

For humans, eternities will pass...

Forgetting brings too much sadness...

Reminiscing leads to a neverending rut of pain...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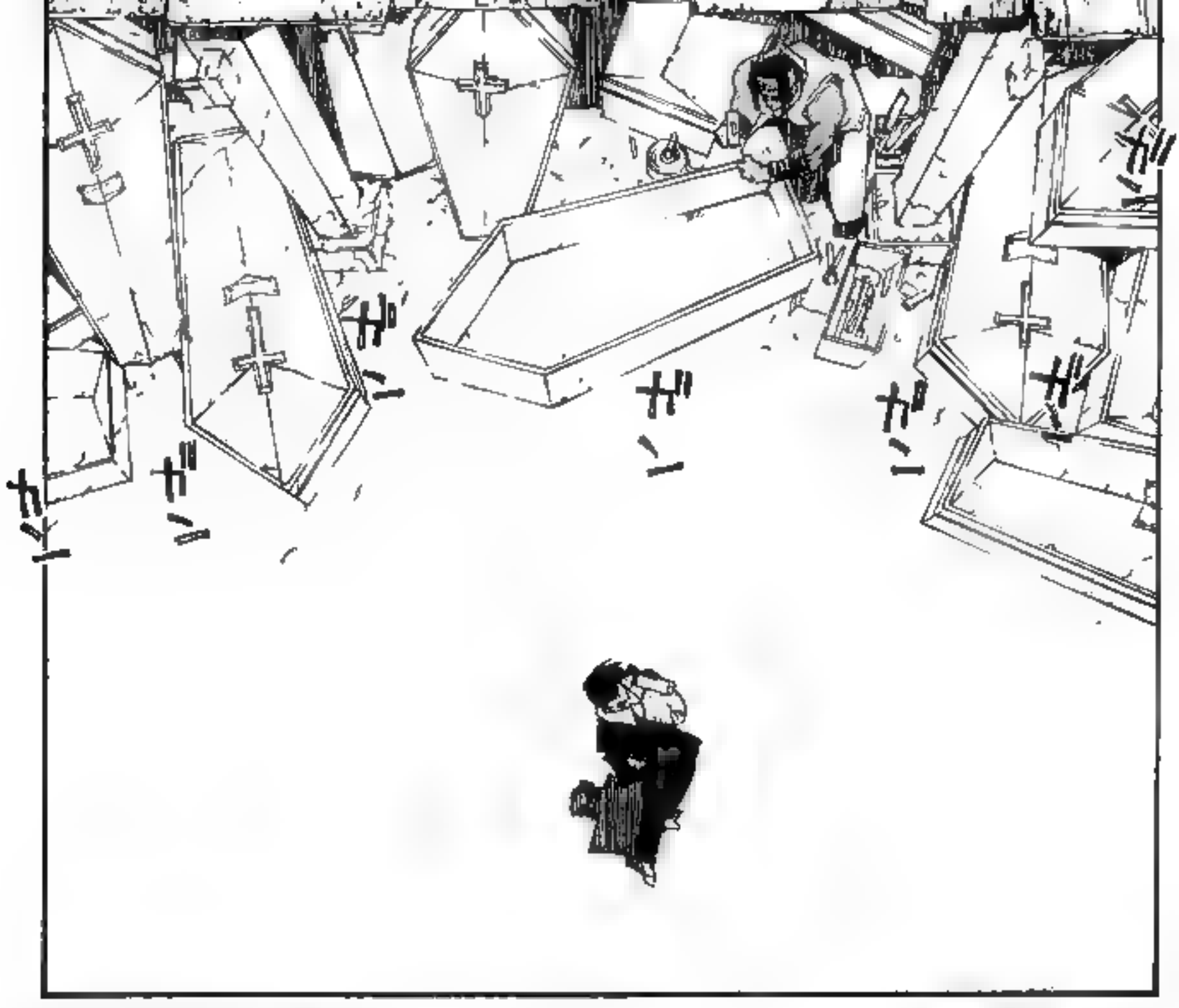

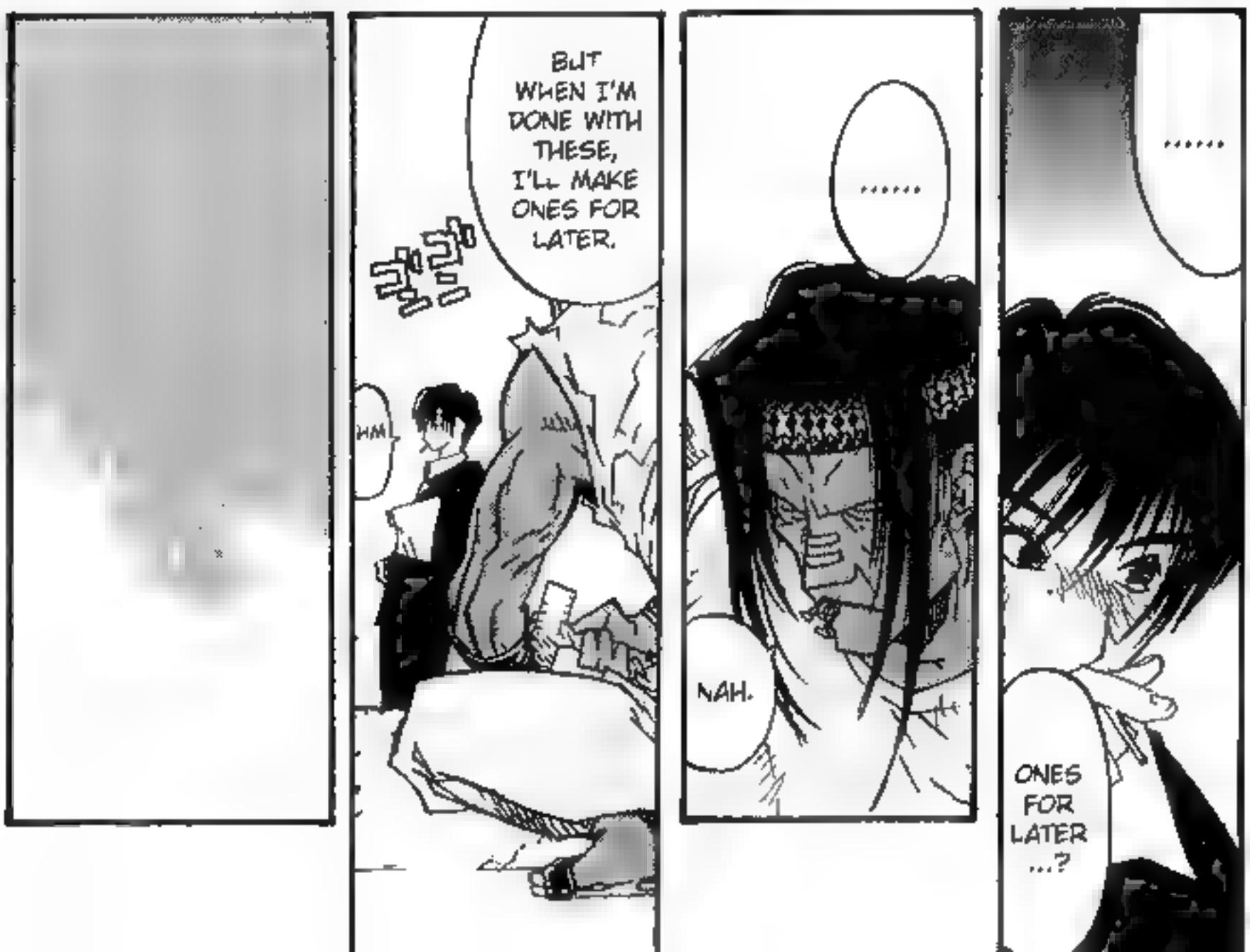
BUT WHEN I'M DONE WITH THESE, I'LL MAKE ONES FOR LATER.
HM
.....
NAH.
.....
ONES FOR LATER ...?

HUP!
HUP!
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HUP!
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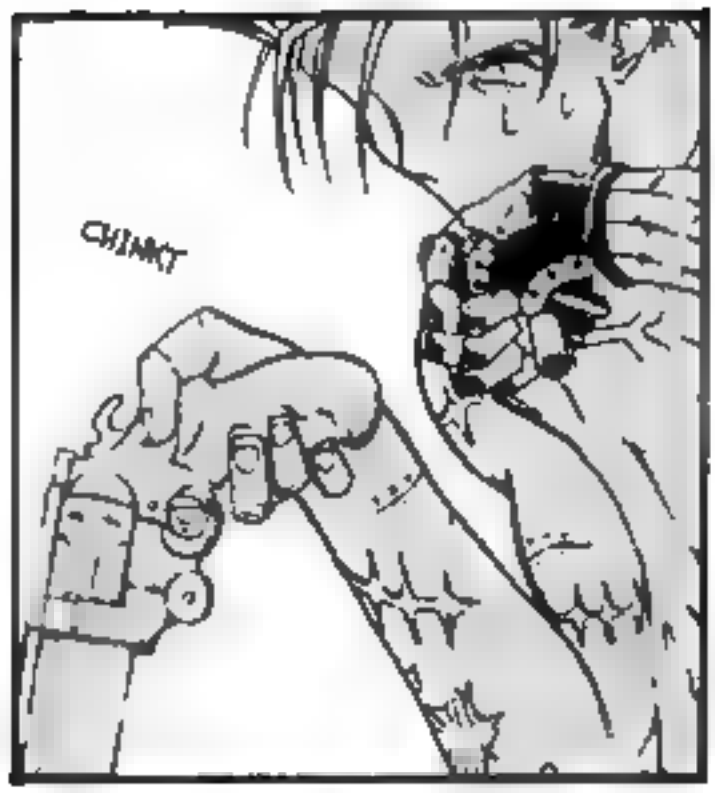
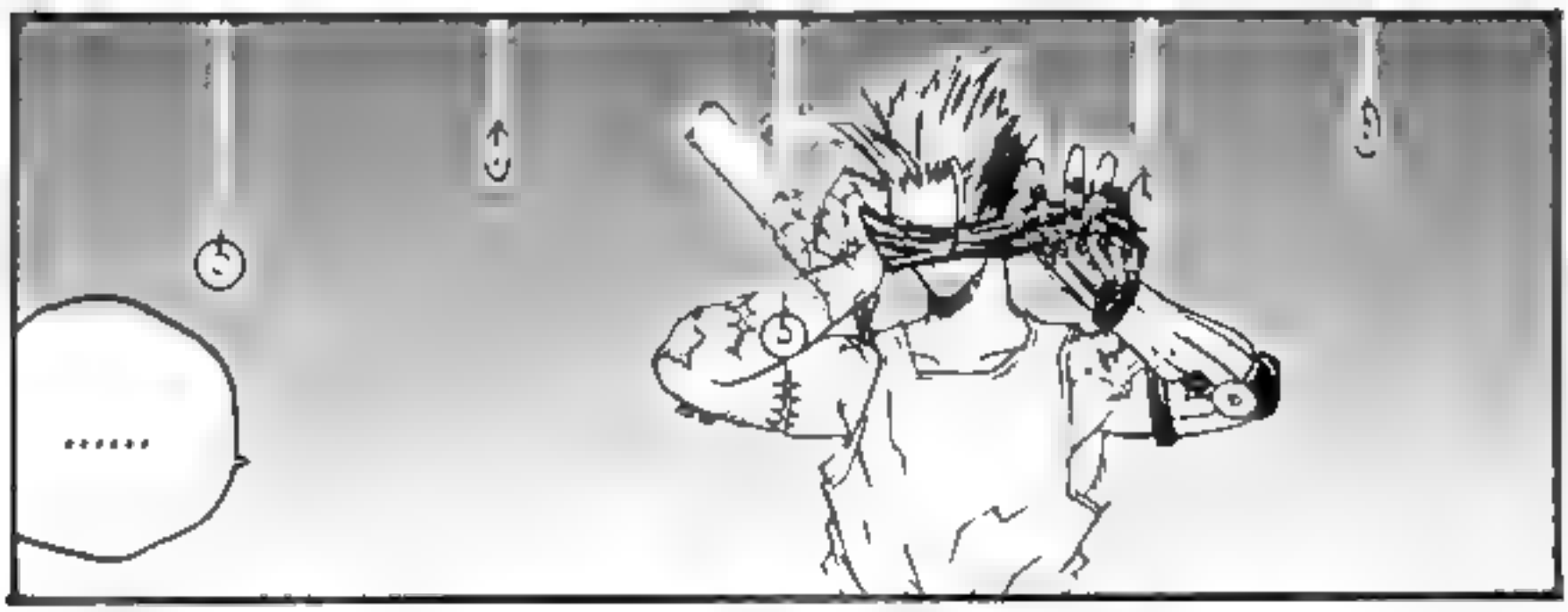
HUP!


CHINK!

KOF
KOF
KOF
GAH ...!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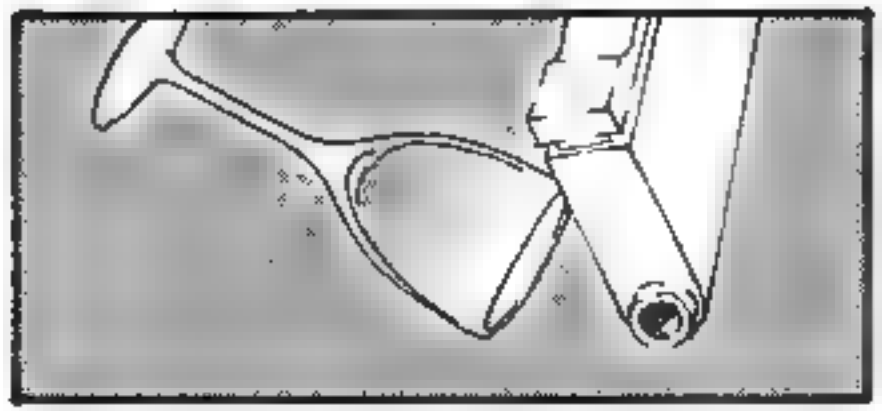
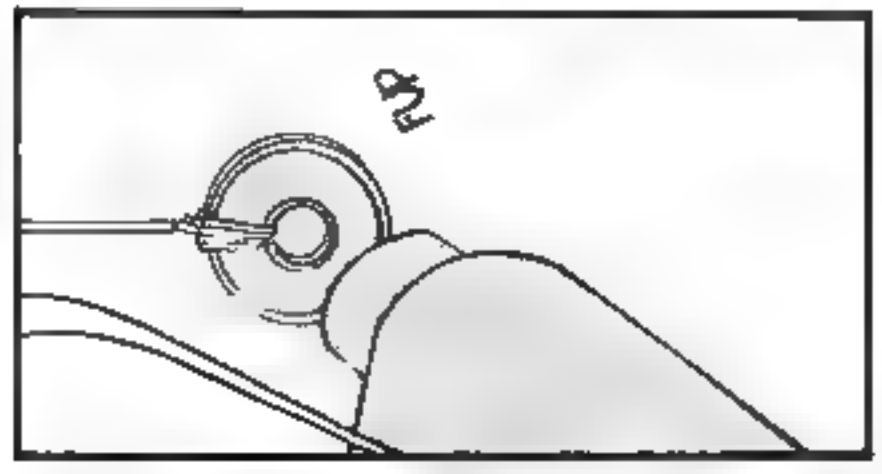
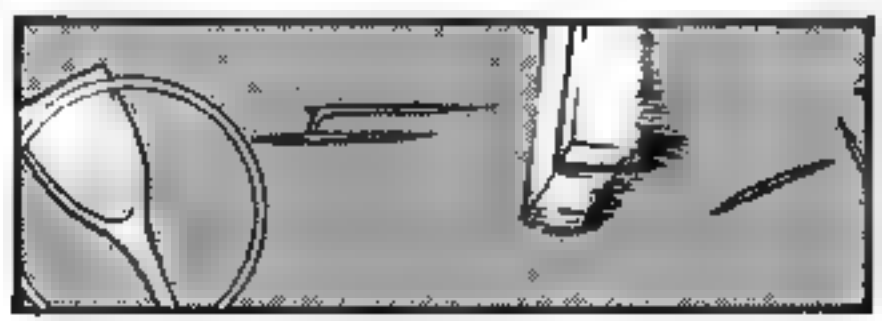
WOOSH







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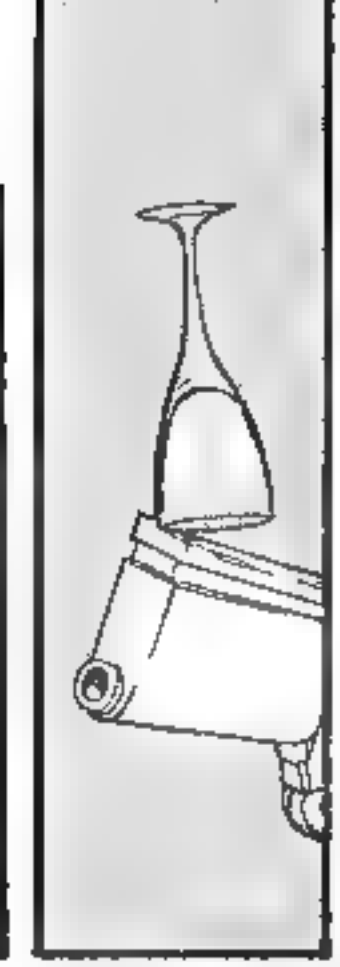
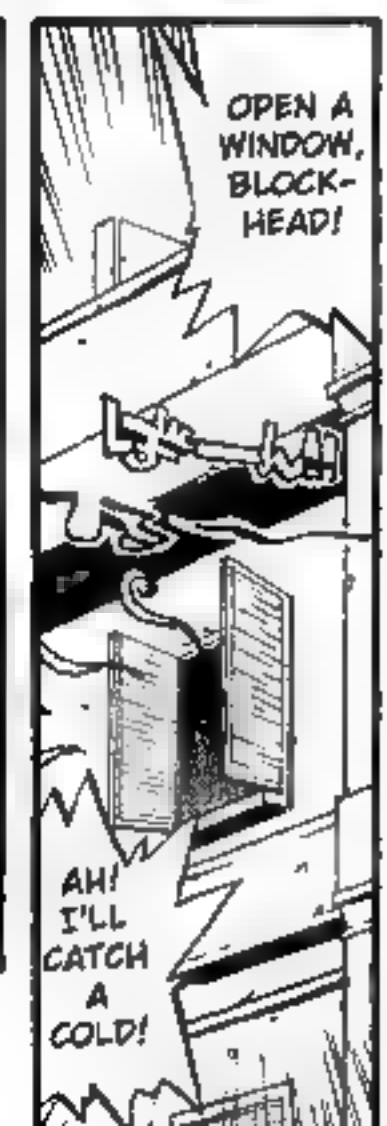


NOTE: TONGARI = SPIKY-HEAD



APPARENTLY, THE SQUABBLE IS A BLOODY ONE ABOUT A PLANT THAT WAS EXCAVATED ABOUT A YEAR AGO.

THE POLO FAMILY AND THE FRIS FAMILY.

ANYWAY, SPEAKING ABOUT MORE SIMPLE STUFF, THIS TOWN IS SPLIT IN TWO FACTIONS...

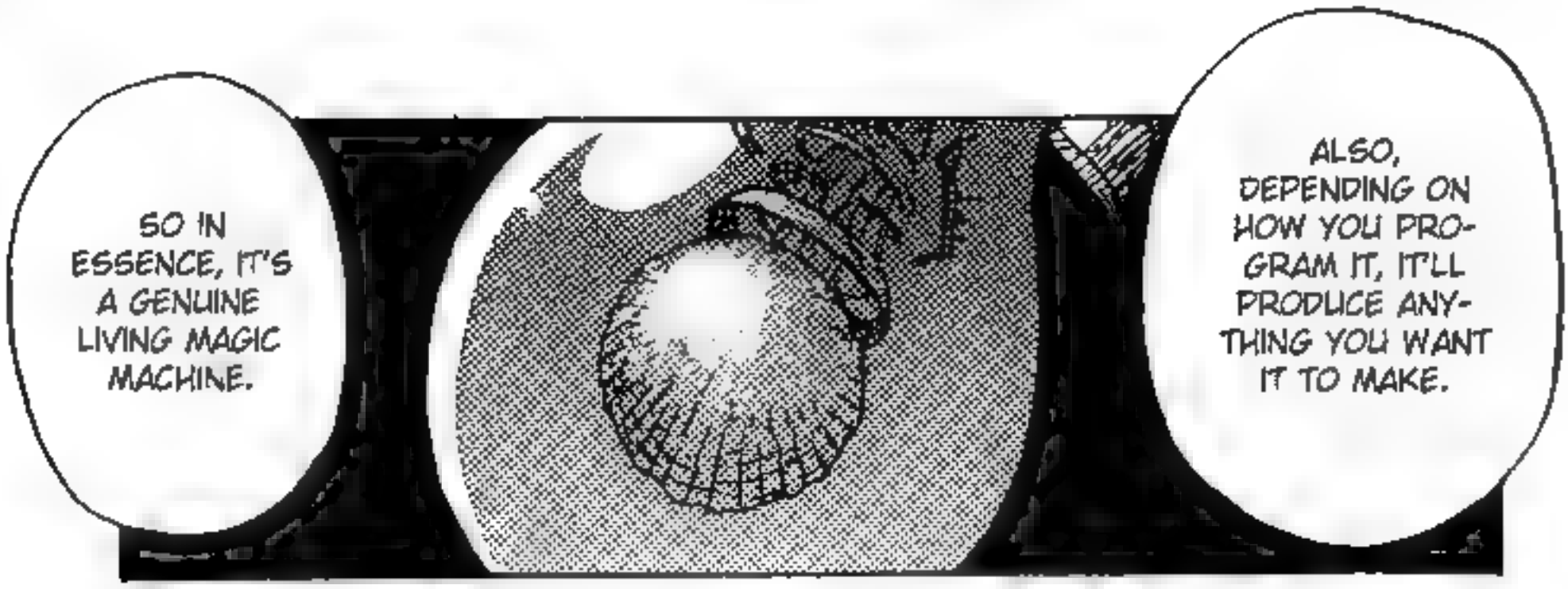
THEY FOUND ONE IN THE WRECK OF AN ORIGINAL COLONY SHIP...

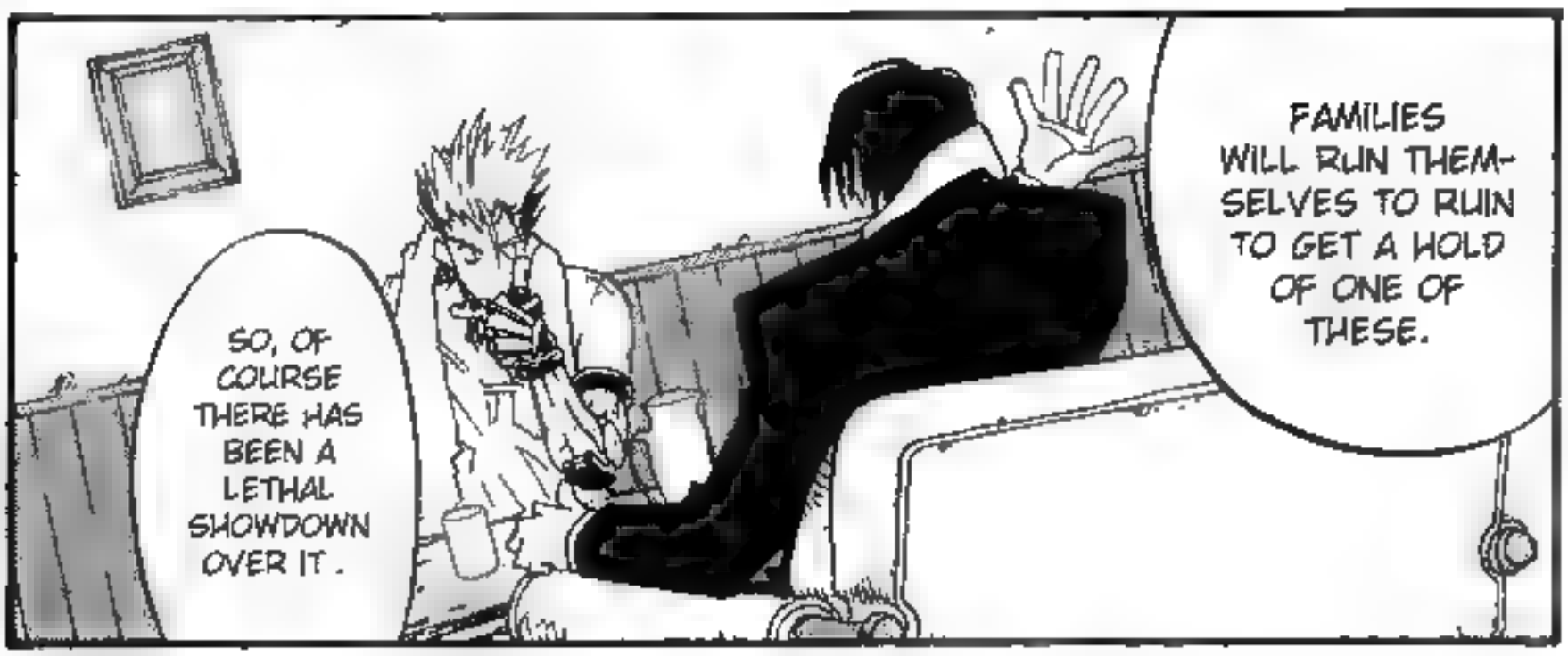
IT'S BEEN OVER 150 YEARS, BUT THE THING MIRACULOUSLY STILL WORKS.

HUH!? THEY DUG UP A PLANT!?

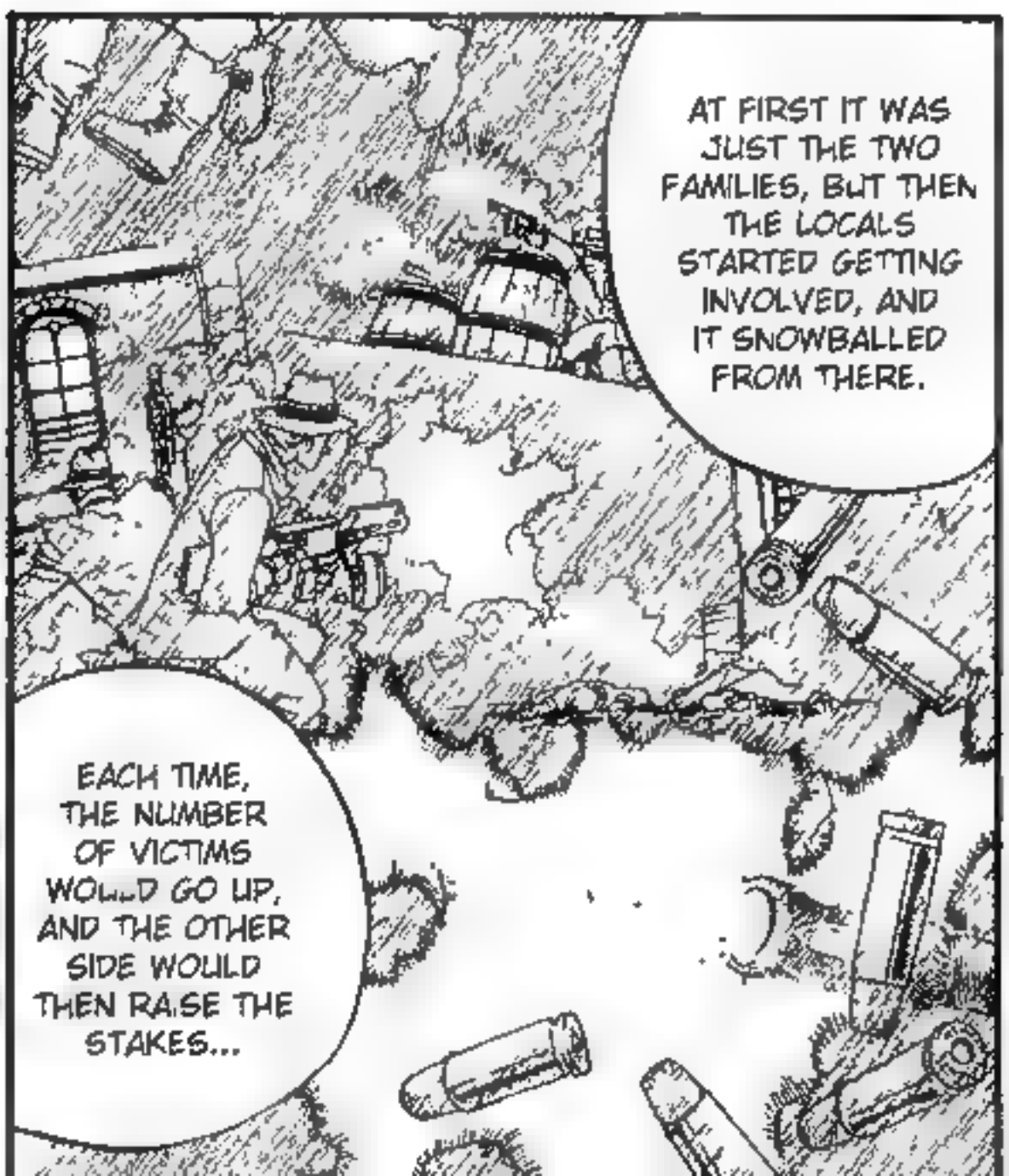
IS IT STILL ALIVE?

YEAH.


SO IN ESSENCE, IT'S A GENUINE LIVING MAGIC MACHINE.
ALSO, DEPENDING ON HOW YOU PROGRAM IT, IT'LL PRODUCE ANYTHING YOU WANT IT TO MAKE.


SO, OF COURSE THERE HAS BEEN A LETHAL SHOWDOWN OVER IT.
FAMILIES WILL RUN THEMSELVES TO RUIN TO GET A HOLD OF ONE OF THESE.

NOW THERE ARE RAPES AND MURDERS GOING ON, RAISING THE TENSIONS LIKE A HUNDRED LEVELS...
AND THAT'S WHY THE WHOLE TOWN IS ON EDGE.


AT FIRST IT WAS JUST THE TWO FAMILIES, BUT THEN THE LOCALS STARTED GETTING INVOLVED, AND IT SNOWBALLED FROM THERE.
EACH TIME, THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS WOULD GO UP, AND THE OTHER SIDE WOULD THEN RAISE THE STAKES...

WHY DO ...?

BUT IT'S BECAUSE IT IS SO SAD... WHY DO THINGS LIKE THESE HAPPEN?

STOP CRYING, DAMN IT!

GH ...!

I MEAN, JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO, I WENT BY THE COFFIN MAKER AND...

NO WAY.

LET'S SCRAM BEFORE WE GET CAUGHT UP.

WELL, EITHER WAY...

.....

EVEN GUYS WHO USUALLY BALK AT A FIGHT WILL GRAB A GUN IF ONE OF THEIR RELATIVES GET KILLED.

YOU... WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE.

IT'S-A-SECRET!

♫

WITH WHO?

W-WHAT ...?

I'VE GOT AN APPOINT-MENT...

...!

YOU KEEP THINGS FROM ME TOO! FAIR IS FAIR!

WHAT'S WITH THAT!? STOP BEING SO CHILDISH!

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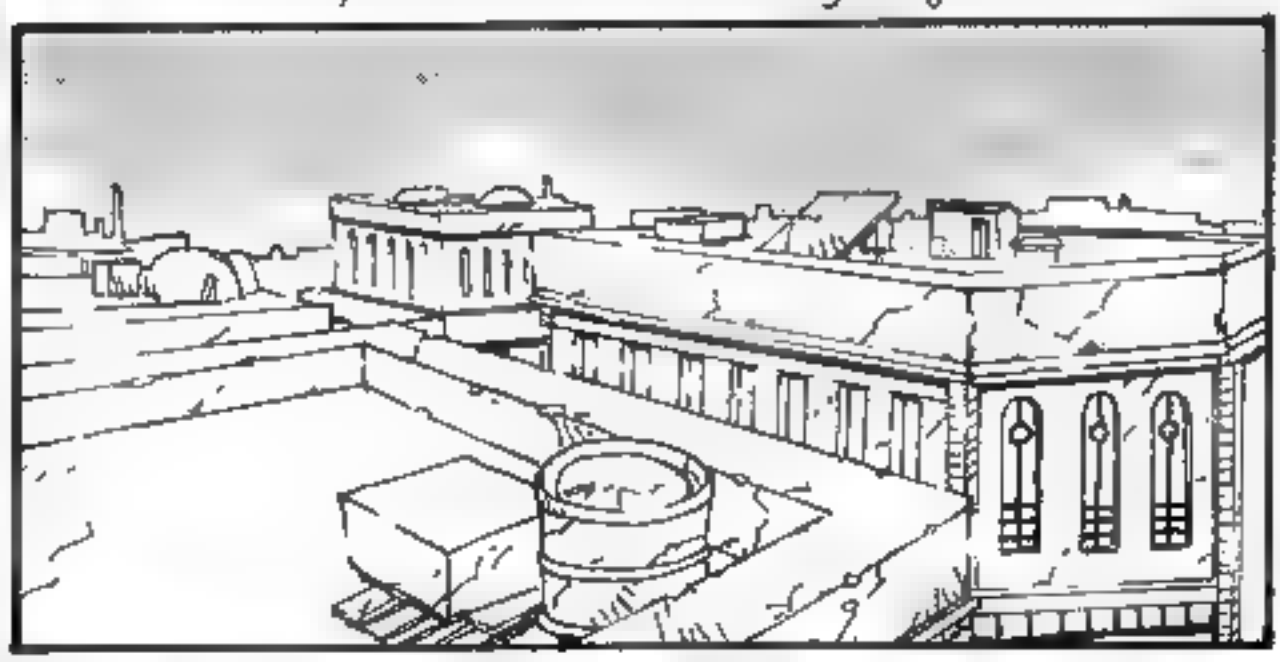

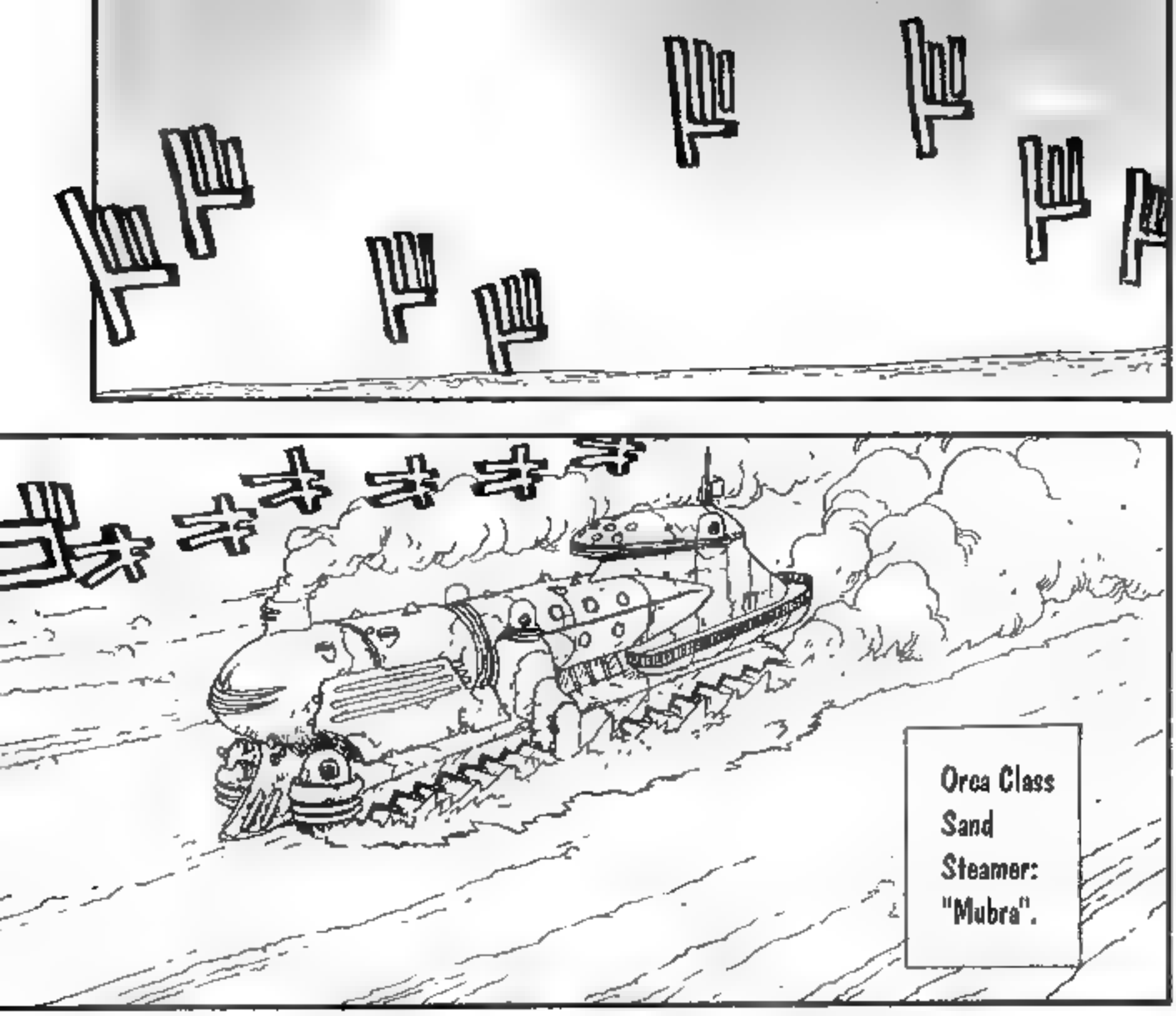
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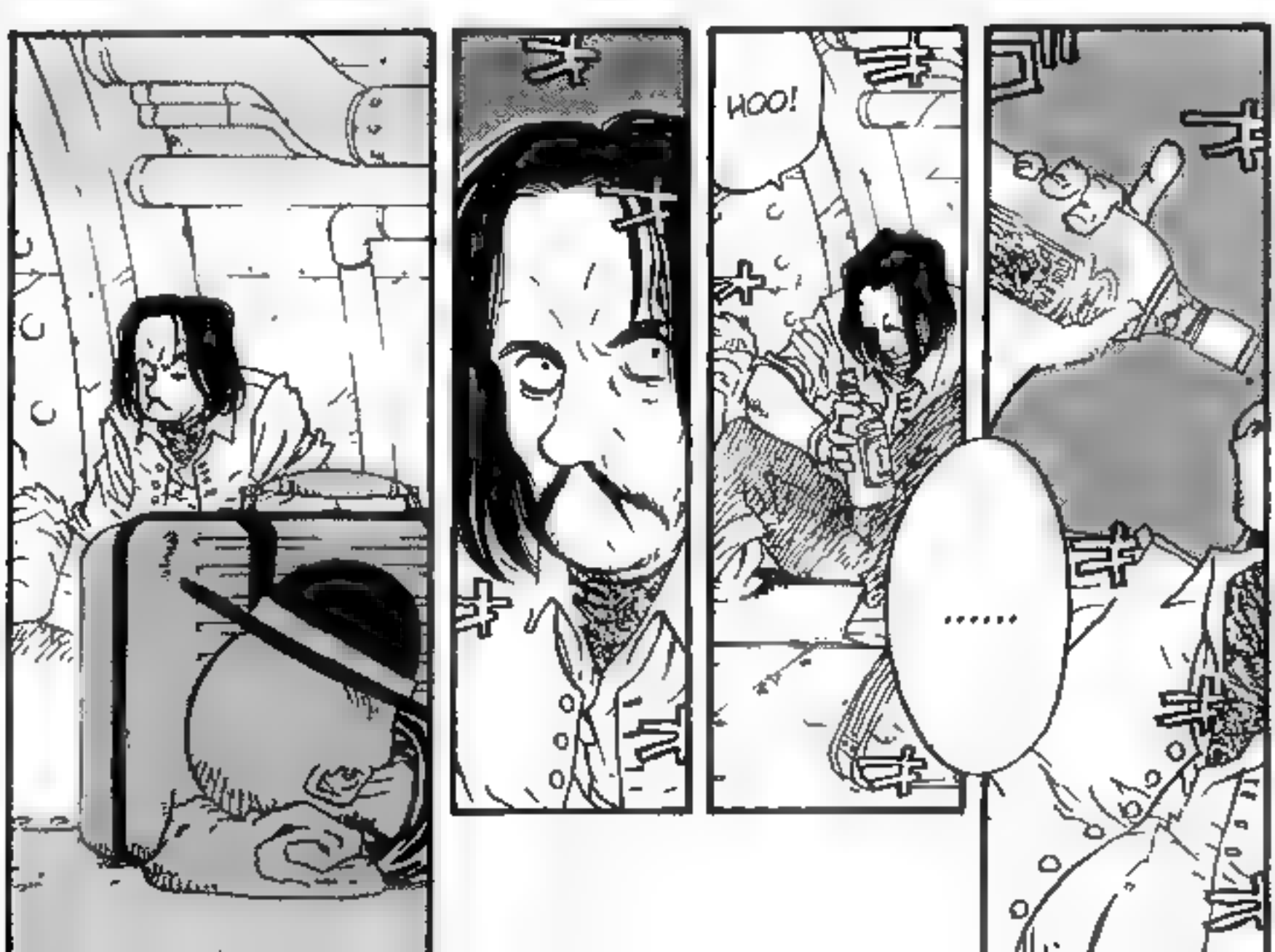
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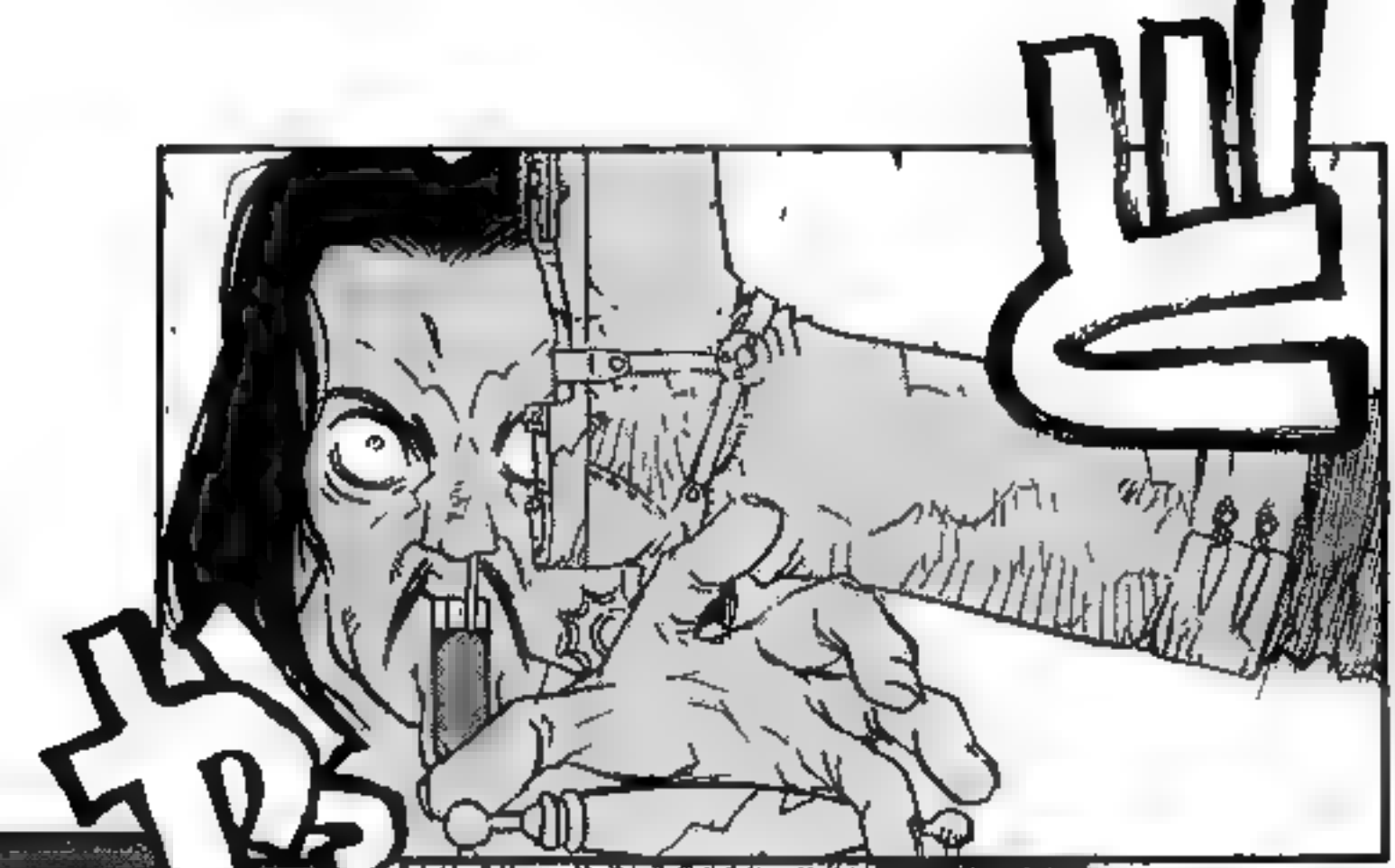
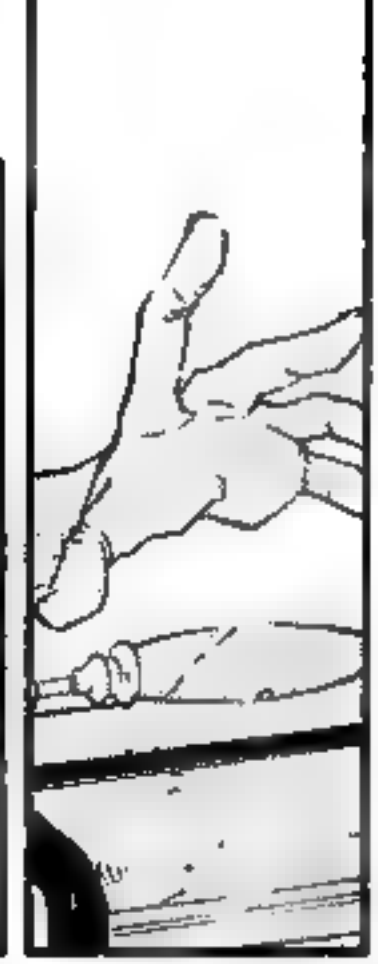




MESSING WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S LUGGAGE?
WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE...

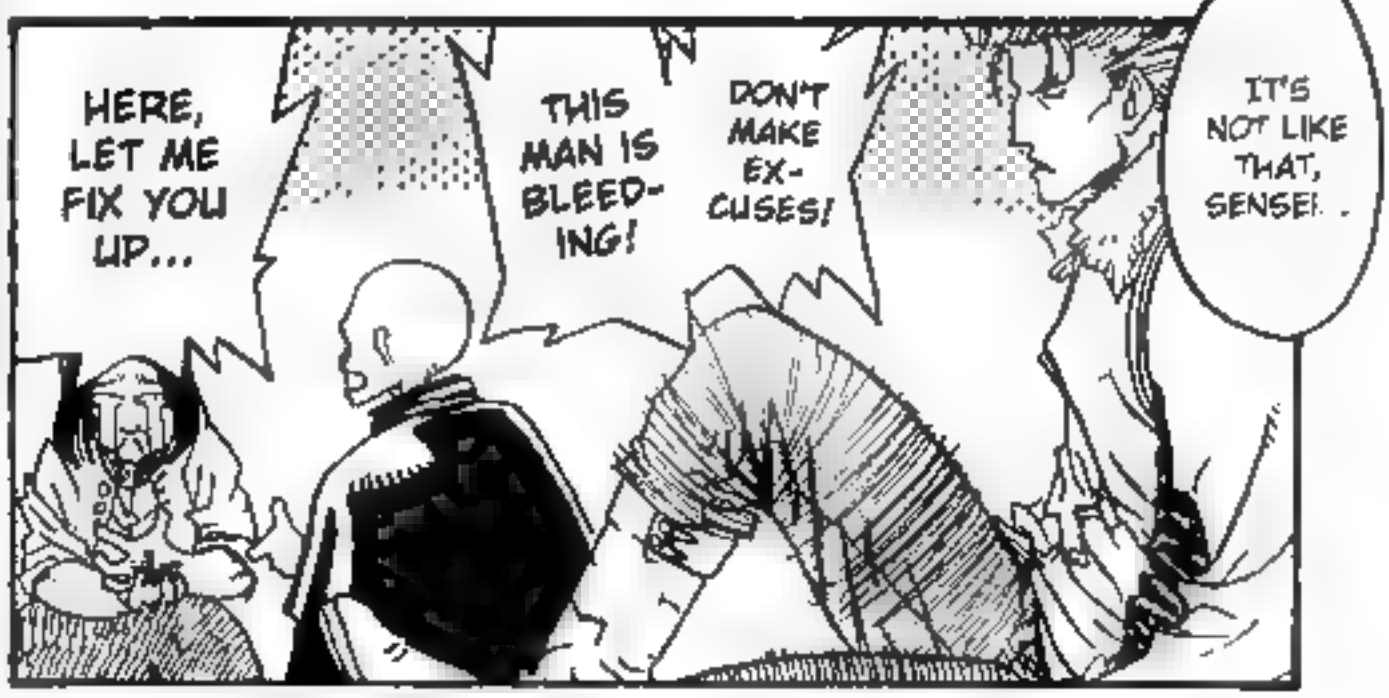
YOU PUNK !!

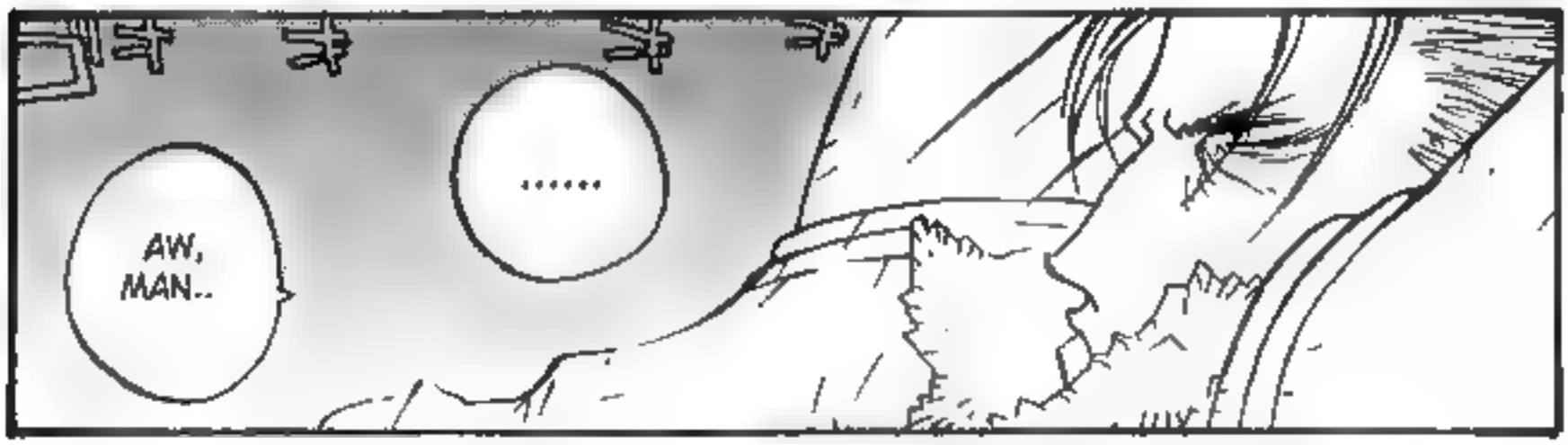
YOU ...!

HEY, BRAD!
!?
WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?
ARE YOU MAKING TROUBLE AGAIN !?

MMMM ...

EHEH ...
S I.. I'M... S... SO. . I. FO...
FOR-GIVE ME!


HERE, LET ME FIX YOU UP...
THIS MAN IS BLEED-ING!
DON'T MAKE EX-CUSES!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, SENSEI.


AW, MAN..
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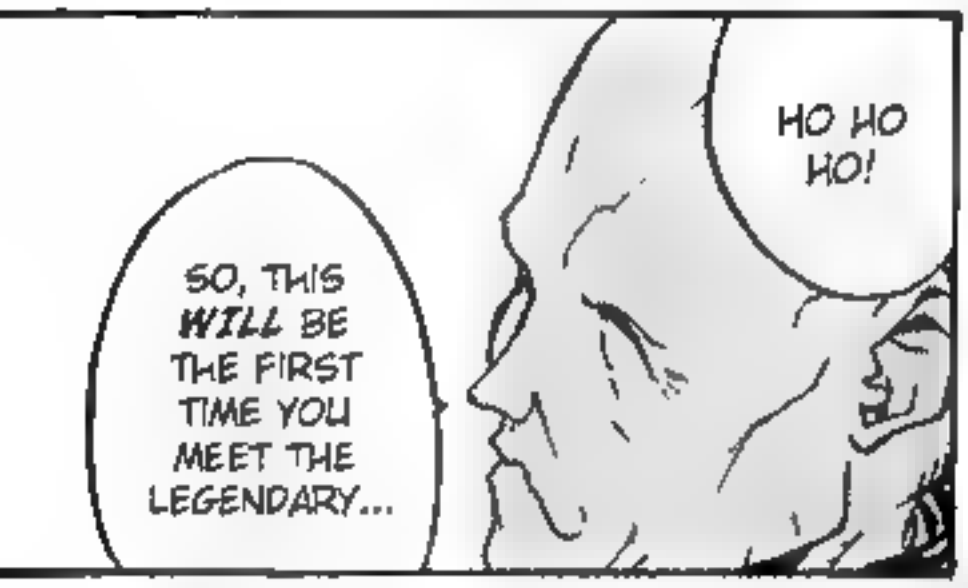
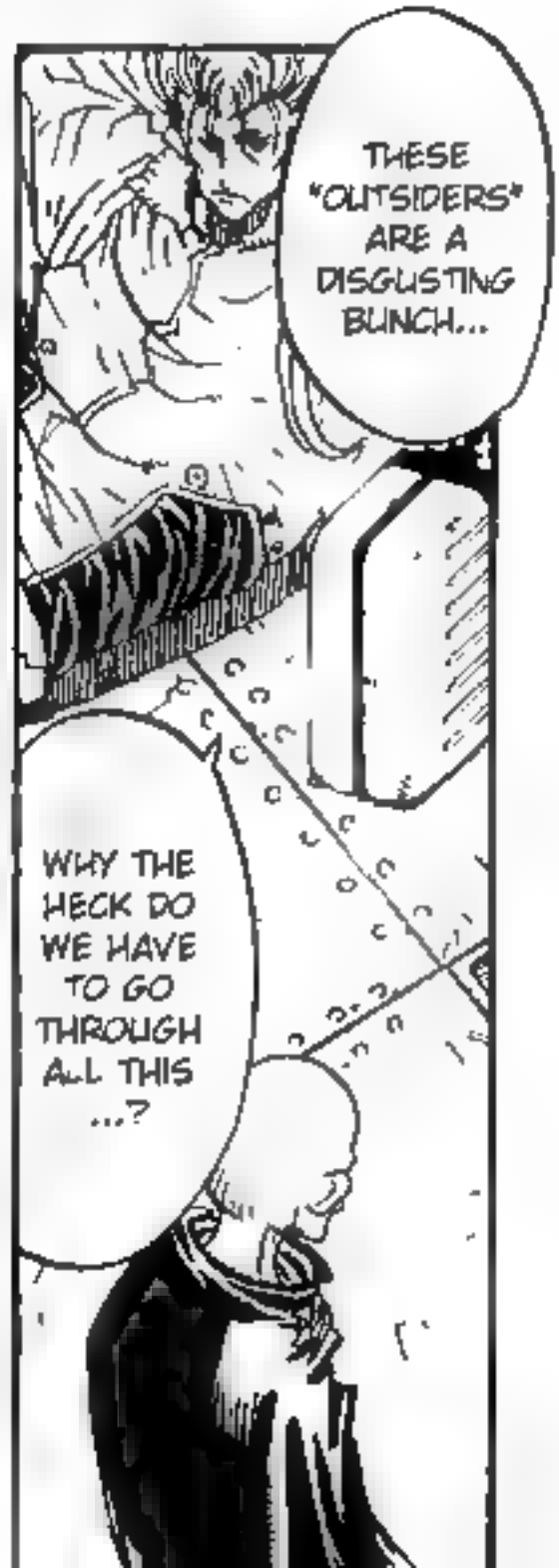
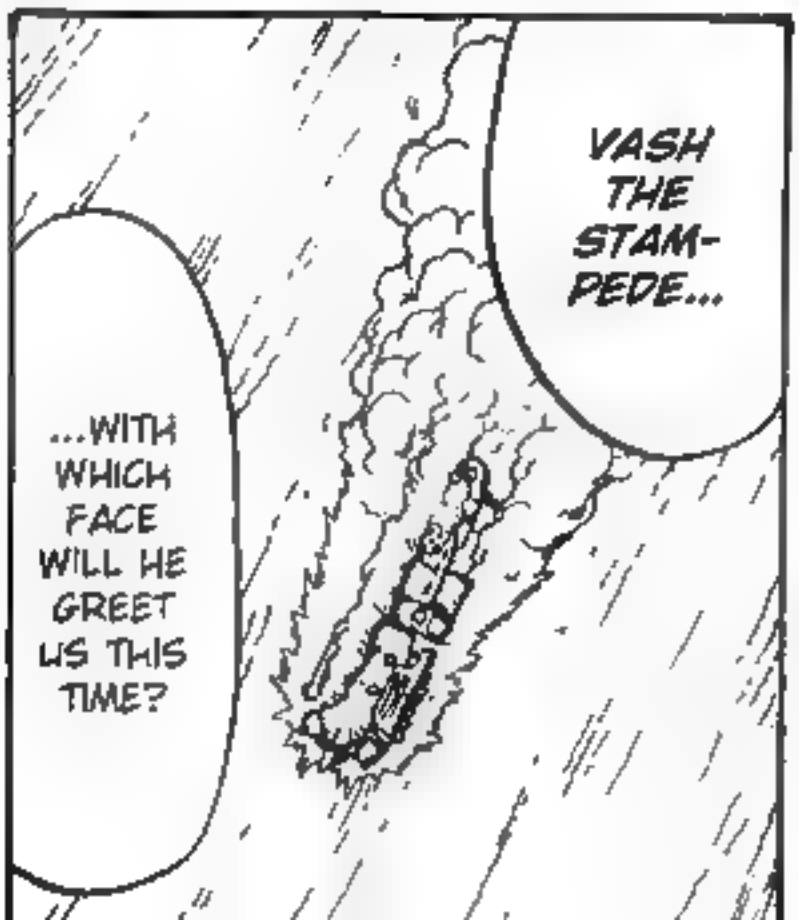

HO HO HO!
SO, THIS *WILL* BE THE FIRST TIME YOU MEET THE LEGENDARY...

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME YOU MEET "HIM", WON'T IT?
NOPE.
I MET HIM ONCE WHEN I WAS FOUR.


THESE "OUTSIDERS" ARE A DISGUSTING BUNCH...
WHY THE HECK DO WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL THIS ...?


VASH THE STAM-PEDE...
...WITH WHICH FACE WILL HE GREET US THIS TIME?

THE ONE A KID HAS GOT ALL WRAPPED UP!?

THAT'S HIM !?

HE HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL, THAT'S A RELIEF!

Heelp!

DOWN HERE, DOWN HERE!

HEYA, SEN-SEI!!

DON'T FRET OVER IT

YOU SHOULD BE.

I'M SO SORRY ABOUT THE SHORT NOTICE!

OKAY, YOU GUYS...

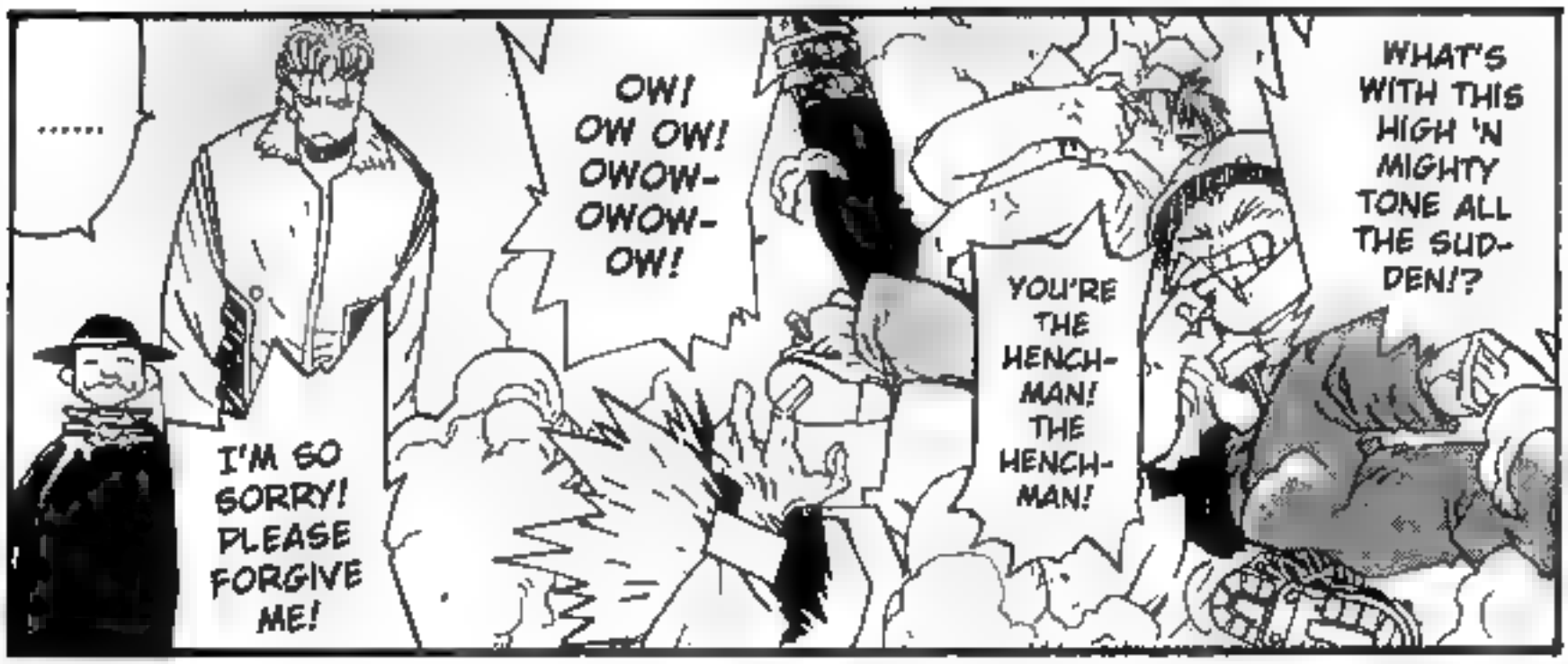
I'VE GOT TO TALK TO THESE PEOPLE...

SO, LET'S DISBAND FOR TODAY, OKAY?

WOW, YOU'VE REALLY GROWN UP!

YOU MUST BE BRAD!

YOU ARE ...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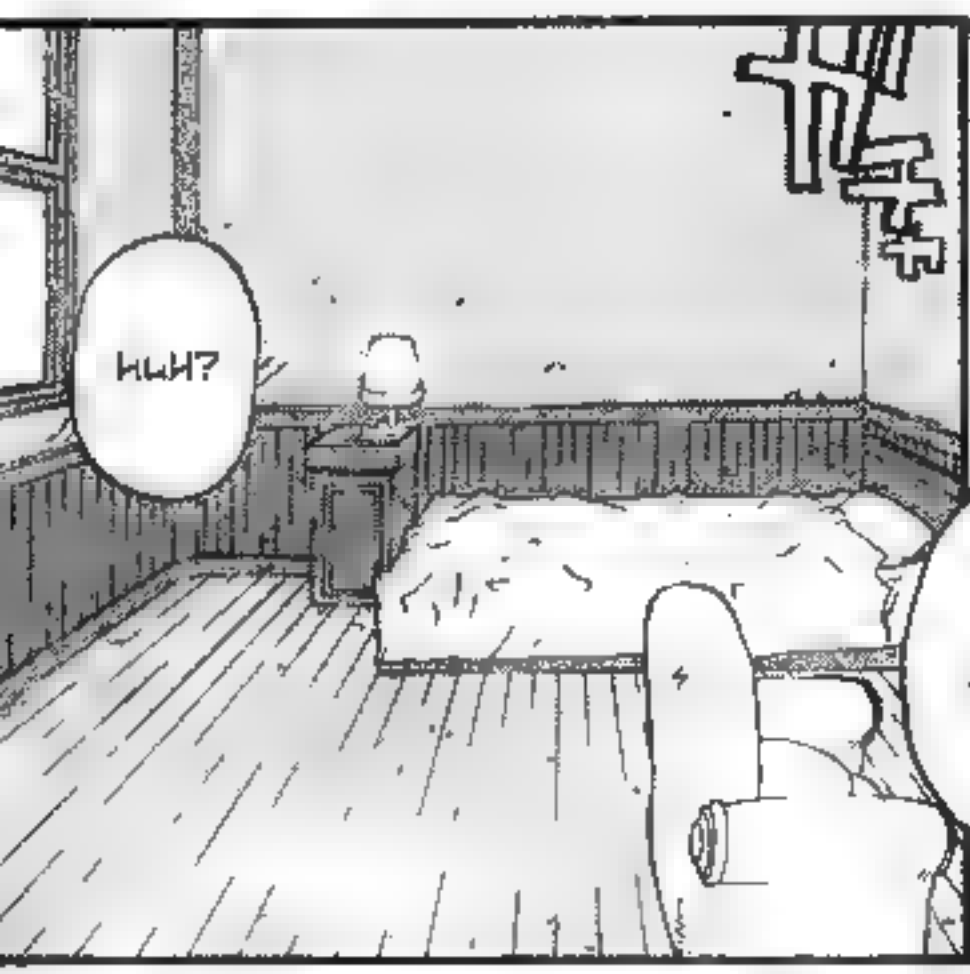
I'M SO SORRY! PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
OW! OW OW! OWOW-OWOW-OW!
YOU'RE THE HENCH-MAN! THE HENCH-MAN!
WHAT'S WITH THIS HIGH 'N MIGHTY TONE ALL THE SUD-DEN!?


HUH?
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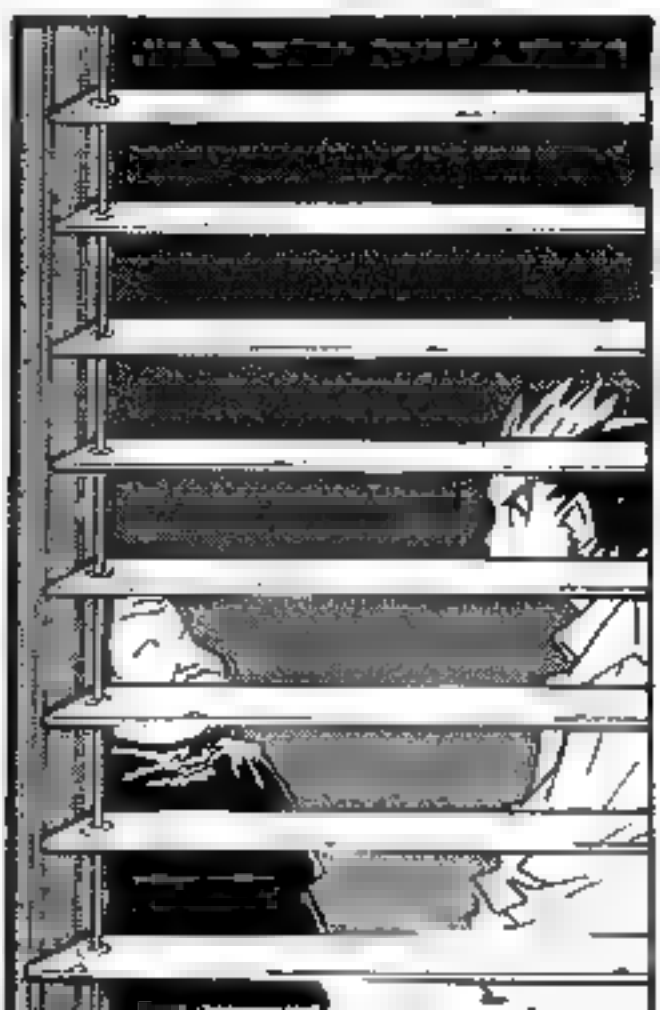
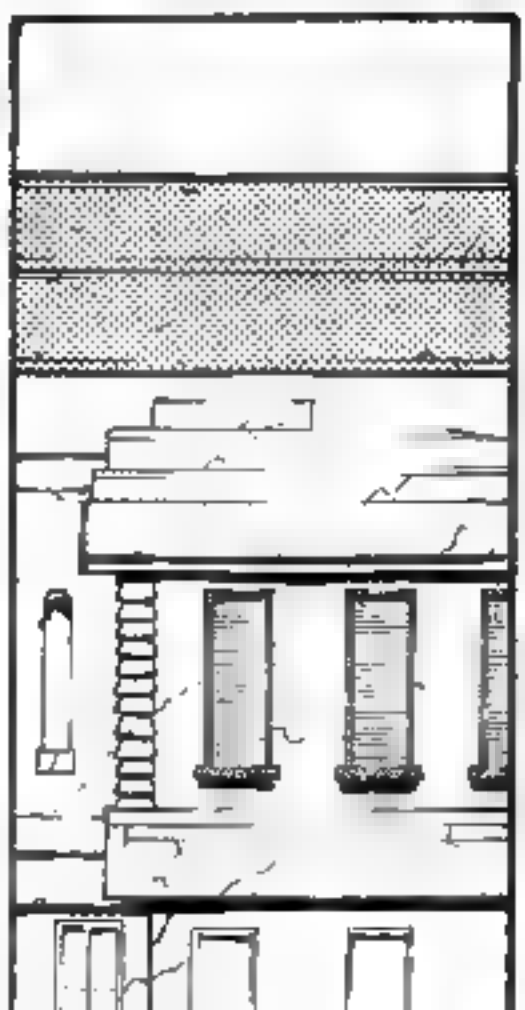
I HATE TO BRING UP OUR EARLIER CONVER-SATION, BUT...
HEY! TON-GARI!





WHAT THE?
HE'S ALREADY GONE...

ALMOST LIKE TIME HAS STOPPED. ALWAYS SO PEACE-FUL.

AS IT ALWAYS DOES.
HOW'S THE CITY DOING?

THANK YOU.

[redacted] RECENTLY REACHED LEVEL 414.

HE MADE YOUR GEAR LAST TIME, AND THIS TIME AS WELL.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE, DO WE?
LOST TECHNOLOGY FOR ONE OF THE LOST TECHNOLOGY...
TAKE IT EASY...

CAN I REALLY WEAR THIS INCREDIBLE EQUIPMENT?

AND IT WAS SEWN BY A SKILLED HAND, SO IT SHOULD BE EASY TO MOVE IN.
RESISTS HEAT, COLD, AND PROTECTS BETTER AGAINST BULLETS THAN YOUR LAST ONE TOO...

WELL ..
TO YOU, TWO YEARS IS PROBABLY JUST THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
GIVE IT A REST, BRAD...
HE'S NOT THAT KIND OF HUMAN.

.....
I'M VERY SORRY ABOUT THAT...

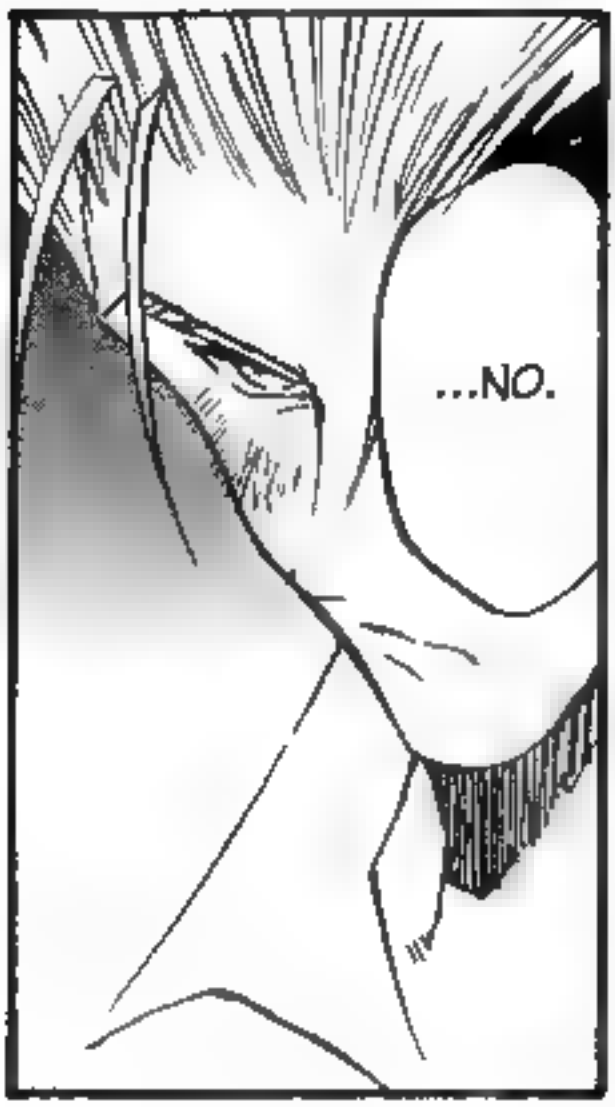
EVERYONE HAS BEEN SO WORRIED...
WITH NO NEWS FROM YOU FOR TWO YEARS AND ALL...

HOW-EVER, LET'S GET SOME OF THIS STRAIGHT-ENED OUT...
YOUR CON-FRONTATION WITH KNIVES HAS YET TO REACH ITS CONCLUSION, RIGHT?

YEAH, RIGHT ...

...HEH!
HUMAN!

IT'S SIMILARITY TO THE DESTRUC-TION OF JULY EIGHT YEARS AGO WAS TOO DISTINCT TO BE MISTAKEN...
THE FIFTH MOON INCIDENT WAS YOUR SECOND ENCOUNTER, RIGHT?


...NO.

DID IT...
HAPPEN AGAIN...? DID YOU LOSE ALL MEMORY OF IT?

HEH...
I'M NO MATCH FOR YOU, SENSEI.

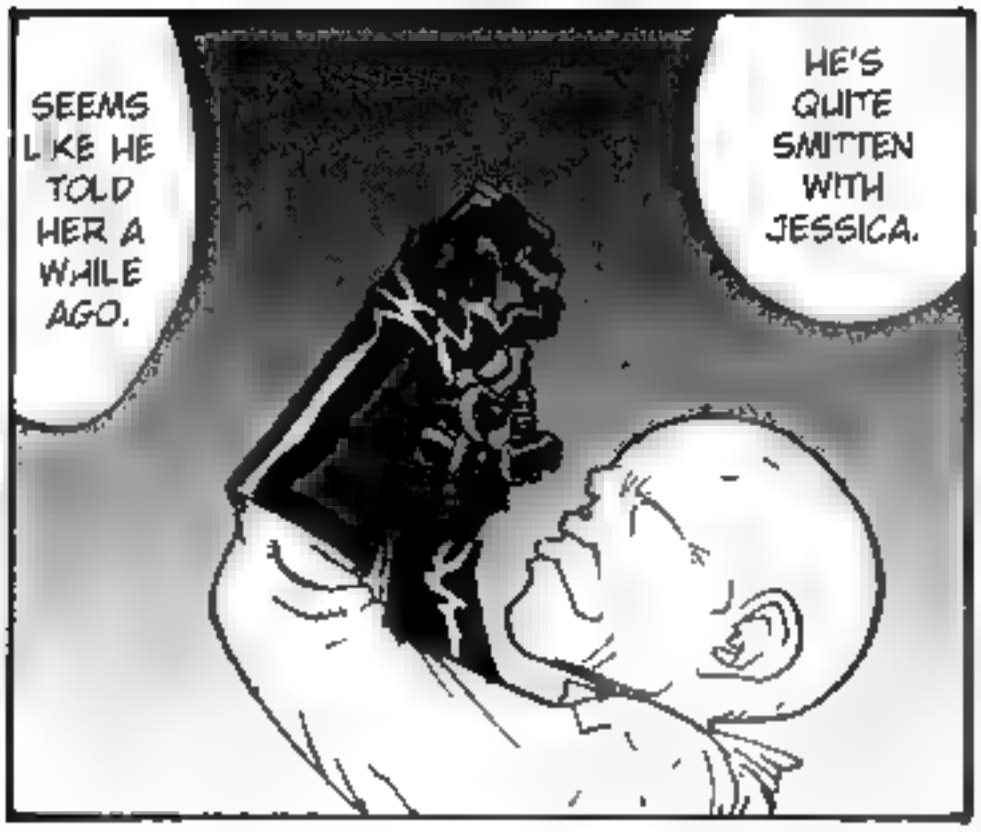
AFTER THAT, MY MEMORY OF IT IS JUST FRAGMENTS AND SCATTERS, BUT YOU KNOW...
HIS HAND STRETCHED OUT TO ME...
KNIVES
AND AN UNSHAKABLE BELIEF IN MY MIND TELLS ME THAT
...WAS ME!

BUT, HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THEM MOST LIKELY CAUSED ALL THIS...
I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO GUESS WHAT THEY ARE...
KNIVES KNOWS SECRETS ABOUT MY BODY THAT EVEN I DON'T KNOW.
BRAD!
WELL!? DOESN'T IT!?
HEY, HEY, HEY!!
HEY, HEY!
AHH...
THAT MAY BE SO..
STOP IT, BRAD!
DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU THE REAL DISASTER PLAGUE AROUND HERE!?

WHAT THE ...!?
!?
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DEPEND ON HIM...
YET...
BRAD, WE ALL KNOW THAT ALREADY...
WHO THE HELL WOULD TAKE THAT KIND OF A RISKY...
WOW, NO KID-DING!
NO DAMN KID-DING!
WON'T YOU PLEASE TRUST ME...?
WON'T YOU...
.....
PLEASE, TRUST ME...
BRAD...
THE ONLY ONE WHO STOOD AGAINST KNIVES THIS WHOLE TIME...
THE ONE WHO CAN'T LEAVE. THE ONE WHO WOULD COME BACK EVEN FROM DEATH... THIS GENTLE MAN...

"ONES WHO LIVE OUTSIDE OF TIME", HUH...?
AND YOU...
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED *AT ALL.* NOT A BIT!
IN 13 YEARS...
MY HANDS AND MY BODY HAVE GROWN THIS BIG...

KH!
...!!
AH, NAH.
I APOLOGIZE FOR HIM..
.....
YOU MAY HAVE THE TRUST OF THE ELDERS...
BUT TO ME, YOU STILL DON'T CUT IT!
HALF OF HIM IS SCARED TO DEATH OF YOU.
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE...
FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF A NORMAL HUMAN, I MUST BE LIKE A MONSTER.
COMING FACE-TO-FACE WITH A LEGEND UNNERVES ANYONE.


SEEMS LIKE HE TOLD HER A WHILE AGO.
HE'S QUITE SMITTEN WITH JESSICA.

WELL ...
THAT'S JUST HALF OF HIM.

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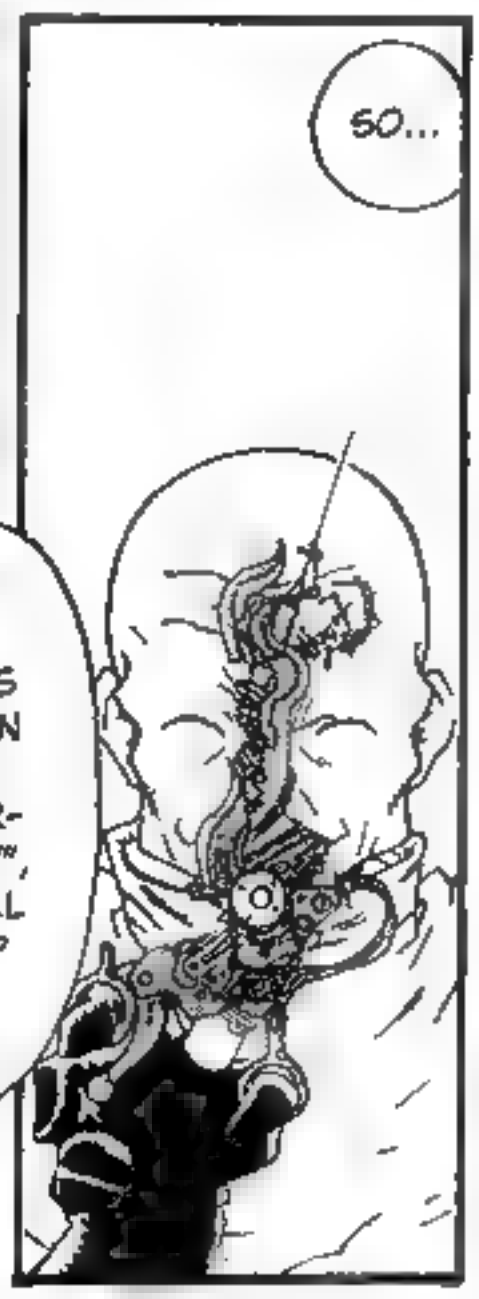
I'm so sorry-y-y! But I'm going to be Vash-san's wife.

LET'S BEGIN THE "SURGERY", SHALL WE?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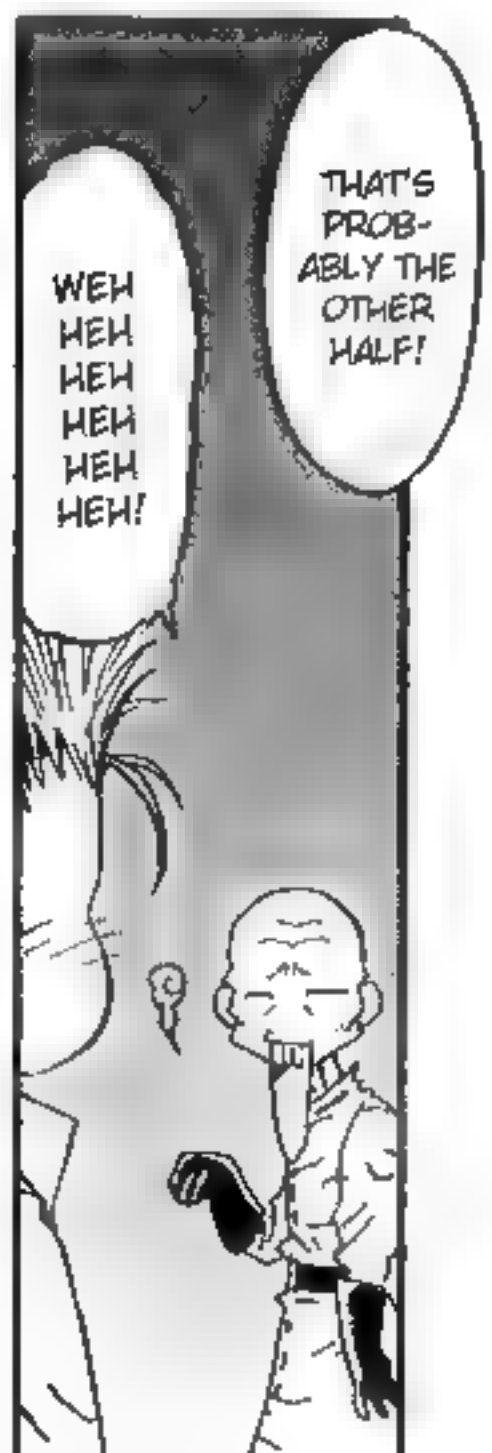
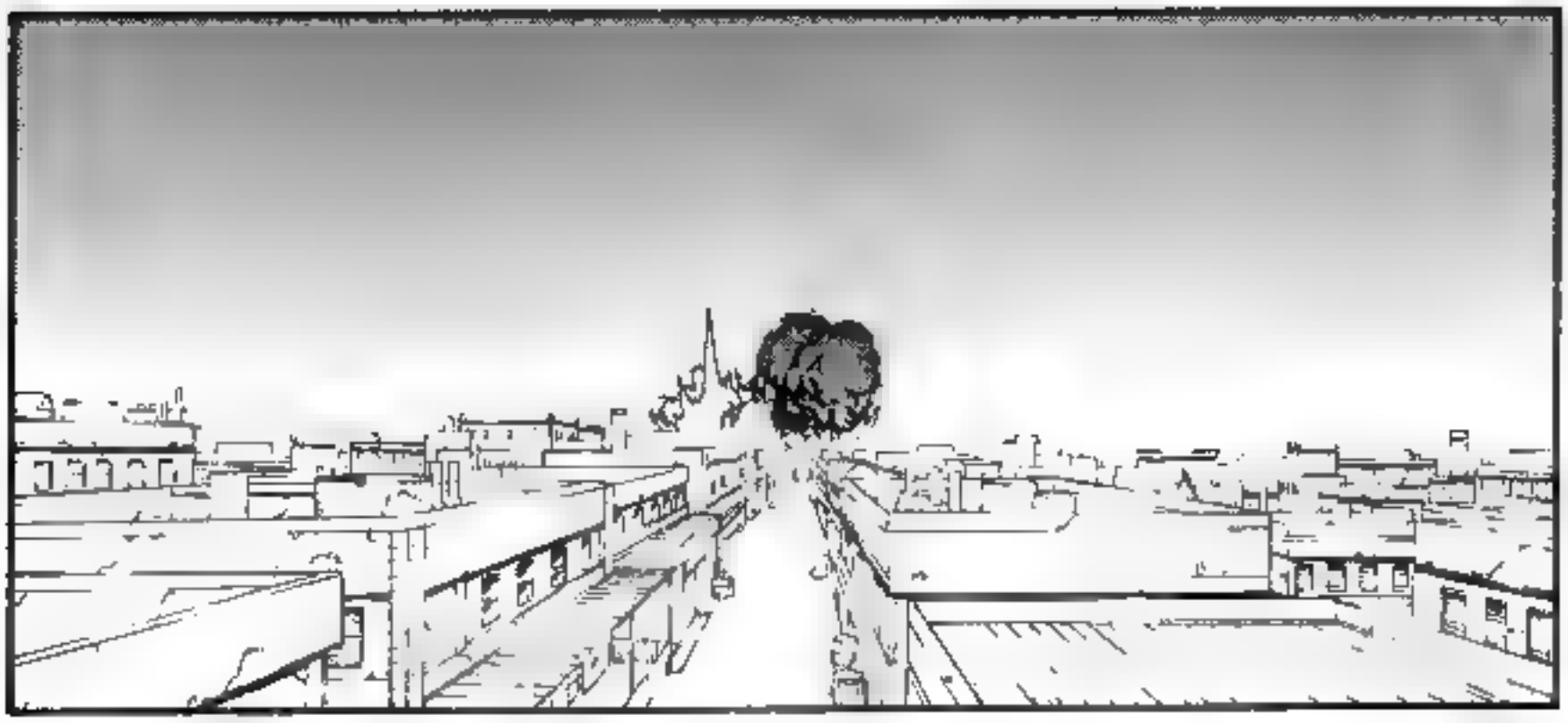
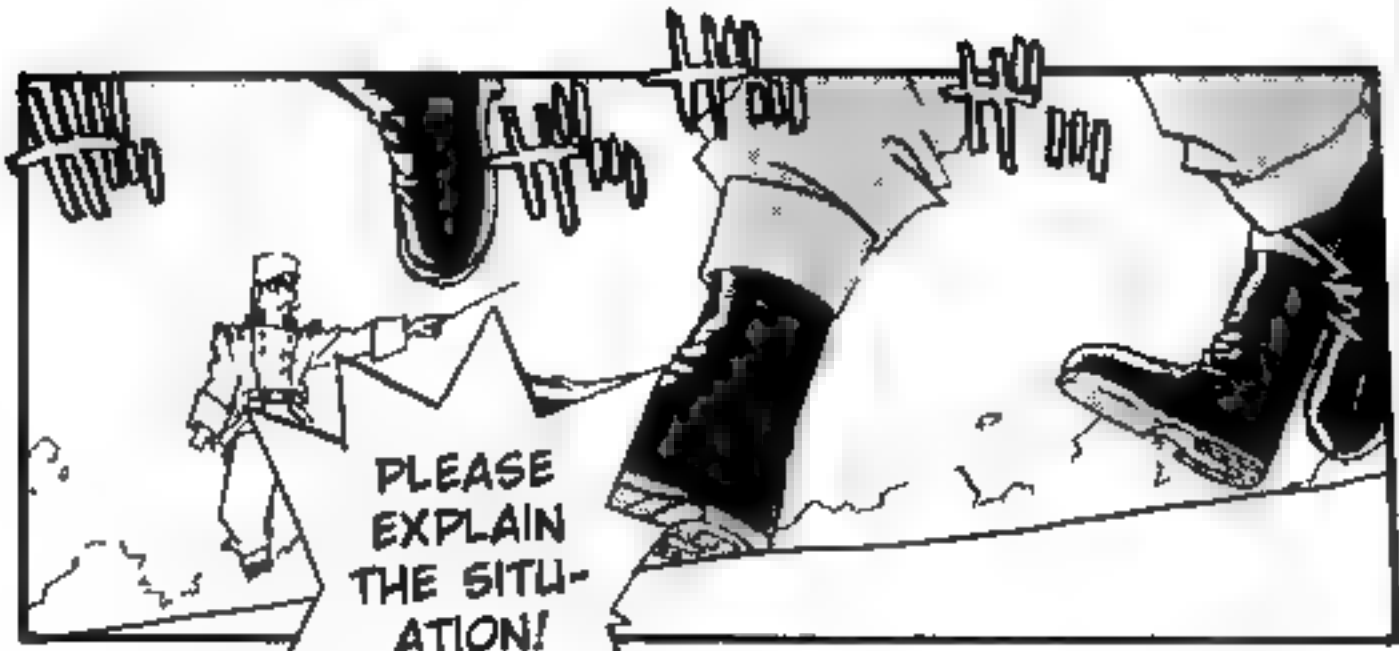

THAT'S PROBABLY THE OTHER HALF!
WEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH!



WHA ...?
WHAT THE!?
GYAAAAH!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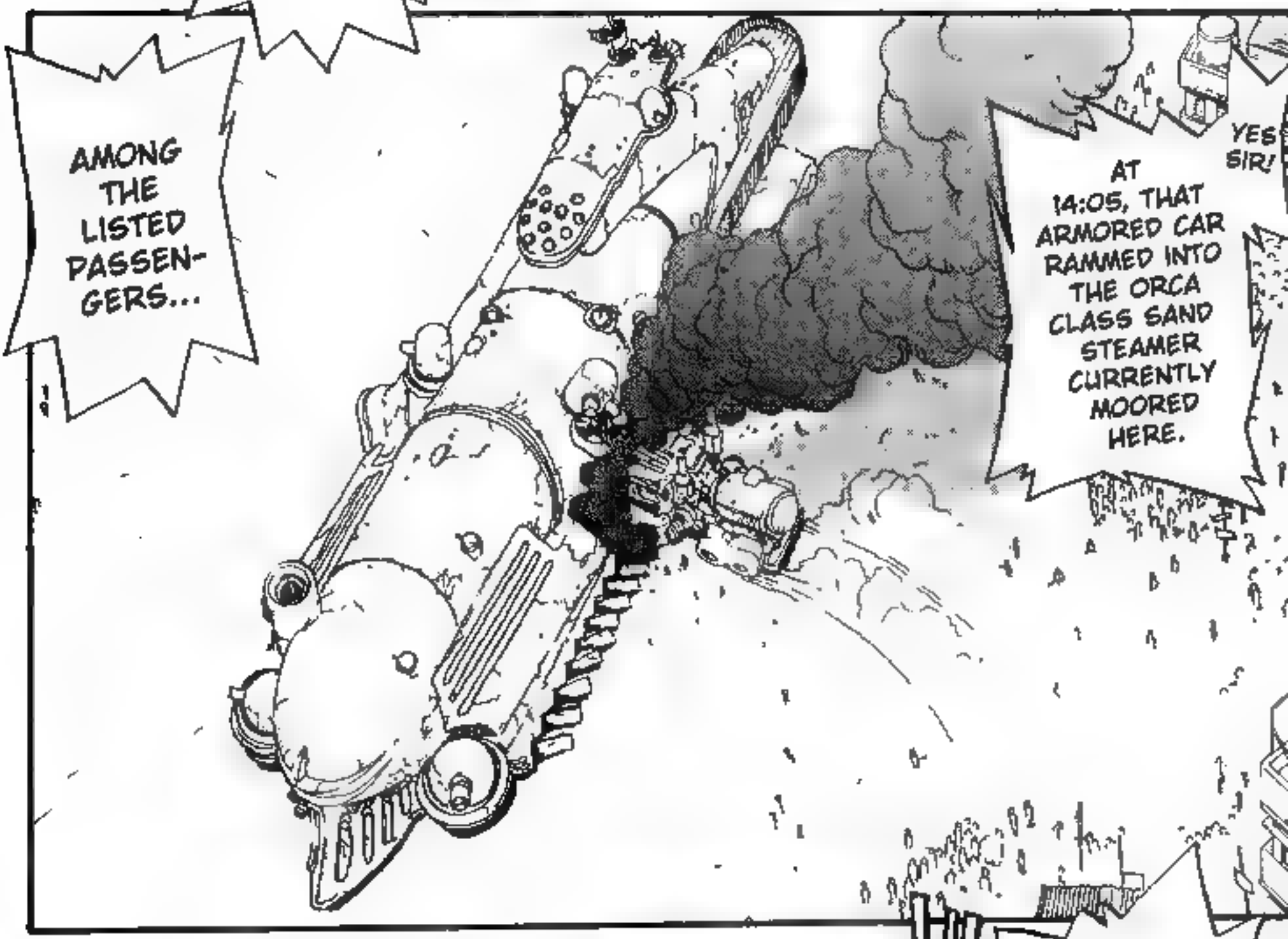

AMONG THE LISTED PASSENGERS...
AT 14:05, THAT ARMORED CAR RAMMED INTO THE ORCA CLASS SAND STEAMER CURRENTLY MOORED HERE.
YES SIR!

HEY, HEY! THIS IS GETTING DANGEROUS!
GUNSHOTS !!

WAS SHIDAN OF THE POLO FAMILY!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING !?

WAH !!

HEY, YOU!

EEK!

'SCUSE ME...

?

COMIN' THROUGH, MOVE ASIDE.

GOOD GOD!

THESE ENCOUN-TERS ARE SO BAR-BARIC..

OOH.

A SIEGE, IS IT?

WHAT'S THIS, WHAT'S THIS?

BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND. .

THAT STEAMER SURE WAS SUR-ROUNDED IN A SHORT TIME, THEY WERE JUST LUCKY SOME FEDERAL TROOPS WERE HERE ..

...

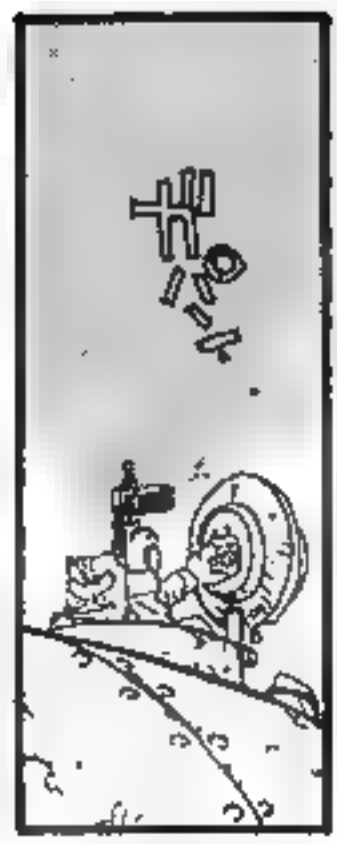
IS THAT SHO.

LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS AND IMMEDIATELY DEBARK THE STEAMER, ONLY THIS WILL GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY!

BE-SIEGED CRIMI-NALS, LISTEN UP, NOW!

CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE NG ONE, ANY-WAY...

SHUT THE FUCK UP!
GYAARGH!
WAH!



DO YOU THINK THE POLO FAMILY WILL JUST SIT BY AND WATCH ALL THIS?
CAN'T TAKE A HINT, HUH?

IT'D BE NICE IF WE COULD STOP THIS MESS SOMEHOW...
THIS HAS GOTTEN BAD REALLY FAST...
YOU ARE SO DUMB!!
Y-YOU!

WHERE DID YOU GO OFF TO!?
AH, TON-GARI!

UWA-AA-AAH!
HN?

LISTEN UP, TON-GARI...
JUST LOOK AT THE TENSION OVER THERE!
YOU GO CHARGING IN THERE, AND YOU'LL COME OUT DEAD.
HEY, HEY!

YOU'LL GET POUNDED, BONE-HEAD.
THE QUESTION IS NOT IF CORPSES COME OUT, BUT RATHER, HOW MANY ..

HELL, NOBODY GETS SAVED AT ALL...
WHILE THEY TWIDDLE THEIR THUMBS, IT ALL GOES TO HELL.
IS CHOOSE TO DO NOTHING AN WAIT FOR AN OPPORTUNITY...
THE WORST THING SOMEONE CAN DO...
THERE ARE CHOICES, COMPLICATED AND INEVITABLY CRUEL, BUT YOU ONLY HAVE SO MUCH TIME TO MAKE THEM...
THESE DAYS, PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE NOTHING BUT A SERIES OF PROBLEMS...
WOLFWOOD...
IN THE END... THOSE ARE JUST WORDS.
HMPH! WE'RE DIFFERENT FROM GODS! WE'RE NOT OMNIPOTENT!
IN THE END, WE CAN ONLY BECOME DEMONS!
YOU DON'T GET TO CHOOSE!
DO YOU THINK THAT A GUY WHO CAN'T KILL...
CAN ACTUALLY SAVE SOMEONE ELSE?

Vash the Stampede!
THAT MATTERS A HELL OF A LOT TO ME!
RIGHT NOW, PEOPLE MAY BE DYING OVER THERE.
YOU...
THAT RED COAT!
EH!?

YOU DISASTER PRONE WEIRDO !!
THIS TOWN IS ALREADY STRESSED TO THE MAX! IT DOESN'T NEED YOU...
HEY, COULD YOU TWO JUST CUT IT OUT!?
WHAT ?
.....
.....
PFFT!
STIR THINGS UP!?
DISASTER PRONE?
ME!?
THAT'S IT!
WHAT'S WHAT !?
HEY! WAIT A DAMN MINUTE, YOU!
DON'T YOU ...!

KYAAAH!
VASH THE STAM-PEDE!
MY NAME IS...
ALL OF A SUDDEN, AND FOR NO PARTICULAR REASON WHAT-SOEVER, I'M GONNA START A MASSACRE!
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE GOING ON ABOUT NOW!?
WHAT THE HELL ..!?

#4. HERO RETURNS/END